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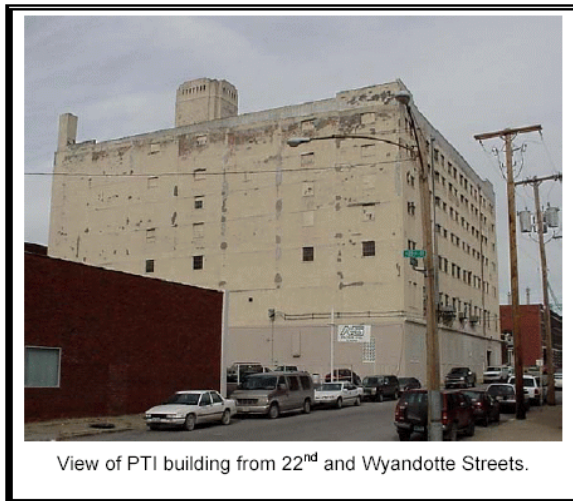
Building Dismantlement to Begin

PCB Treatment, Inc. Superfund Site (PTI), Kansas City, Missouri

SITE UPDATE

In accordance with the settlement agreement for the PCB Treatment, Inc., (PTI) site in Kansas City, Missouri, the Steering Committee representing former customers of the former PTI operation has completed design documents for the controlled demolition and site cleanup of the 2100 Wyandotte building. These design documents have been reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

The EPA and MDNR have



View of PTI building from 22nd and Wyandotte Streets.

concluded that the proposed approach described in the design documents will ensure public safety throughout the removal process by controlling the physical and contamination-related hazards associated with dismantling a building in a populated area. Once these design documents are formally approved,

EPA will issue a notice to proceed to the Steering Committee and work will begin.

A public availability meeting will be held **Wednesday, October 13, 2004, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** in the Jarvis Hunt Room of the Union Station. Parking is available and the facility is American Disability Act approved.

Public Availability Meeting

EPA, MDNR, and the PTI Steering Committee will hold a public availability meeting on **Wednesday, October 13, 2004** from **5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the:

Union Station
Jarvis Hunt Room
200 Pershing Road
Kansas City, Missouri

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information to citizens and answer any questions. For more information about this meeting, please contact:

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The PTI Steering Committee has identified a contractor to perform the dismantlement. The selected contractor, Cleveland Wrecking Company, has extensive national experience in this type of response work. The work will be performed under a supervising contractor retained by the Steering Committee, Hard Hat, Inc. All work will be done with oversight by the EPA to assure that building dismantlement is conducted safely and effectively, in accordance with final approved design documents.

The initial work at the site will involve removing asbestos materials from the interior of the building. Afterwards, the contractor will erect construction fencing and move office trailers to the site. The parking lot immediately south of the 2100 Wyandotte building has been secured by the Steering Committee for a base of operations to support the response action.

Actual dismantlement activities will not begin until these actions are completed, which could take one month or more from the date of the notice to proceed.

During construction, one lane of traffic will be blocked adjacent to the building along Wyandotte and 21st Street. Ft. Scott Street, the alley to the west of the building, will also be blocked during construction.

Dismantlement of the building will be performed from the roof down. The building will be cut into individual sections of a manageable size. Water misting will be performed as necessary to control the release of contaminated dust. All water contacting contaminated portions of the building will be collected, sampled, and treated, if necessary, prior to discharge into the municipal sanitary sewer system.

The building sections will be conveyed to the bottom floor of the building through interior shafts present in the existing structure. Non-contaminated materials will be managed separately from PCB-containing materials. Building

debris will be transported from the site in covered trucks. Non-contaminated building debris will be transported to the BFI Courtney Ridge Landfill in Sugar Creek, Missouri for disposal.

PCB-contaminated materials will be carefully managed and transported to the Clean Harbors Lone Mountain Disposal Facility in Waynoka, Oklahoma, for disposal. Following dismantlement of the building, underlying soils which became contaminated will be excavated and disposed off-site. Soil sampling does not indicate that contamination has migrated off the property, although soils beneath the abandoned railroad tracks west of the building will be removed. Following soil sampling to confirm that contamination has been removed, the site will be backfilled with clean soil and graded to provide for drainage.

During construction activities, continuous air monitoring will be performed to assure that public health is not threatened. If air monitoring shows that airborne contaminants even approach a level of concern, additional measures such as increased water suppression or additional containment will be performed to prevent conditions from developing that could threaten public health.

Following completion of construction activities and confirmation sampling, the property will be available for unrestricted development. The property is currently privately owned. Sale and development of the property will proceed through private transactions. The EPA and MDNR will not be directly involved in arranging for the future use of the property.

Mobilization of contractor personnel may begin as early as late October, 2004, with removal activities commencing after asbestos removal and site preparation. Once initiated, construction activities could be completed in about six to eight months.

The EPA plans to have a public information center nearby to provide access to materials relating to the building dismantlement and site cleanup.

BACKGROUND

PCB Treatment Inc. (PTI) began operations at 2100 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri in 1982. A portion of the operation moved to 45 South Ewing Street, Kansas City, Kansas in 1984. Initial operations included decommissioning and storage of PCB-containing items. PCB oils and PCB-contaminated components were shipped offsite for incineration. Reusable metal was salvaged. PTI also performed a dechlorination process for PCB-contaminated oils.

PTI operated from 1982 until 1987, authorized by EPA under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Decommissioning and PCB removal activities were terminated in 1987, after TSCA authorizations were not renewed by EPA. Between 1987 and 1991, the owner of the facilities attempted different methods to decontaminate the buildings. None of these attempts were successful at reducing PCB concentrations to required levels.

PTI operated on the first, third, sixth, and seventh floors of the seven-story 2100 Wyandotte facility. The more than 1,500 customers of PTI included the federal government, rural electric cooperatives, utility companies, cities, states, and large and small businesses.

Site investigations have concluded that portions of floors and walls remain PCB-impacted in excess of acceptable levels. Soils adjacent to the facility were also found to contain PCBs.

During November and December 2003, workers removed materials abandoned by the former Rosse Lithography operation. Most of these materials consisted of pallets of paper, business records, trash, and other solid waste. Several containers of solvents and chemicals associated with the former

printing operation that required special handling were also removed.

SUPERFUND INVOLVEMENT

The PTI Site was referred to the EPA Superfund program in 1995. Superfund is the federal program with authority over the cleanup of abandoned and uncontrolled hazardous waste sites throughout the country.

Under the Superfund law, EPA is able to require those parties deemed responsible for the site contamination to perform cleanup work at the site. Responsible parties at the PTI site include owners, operators, and transporters and generators that sent hazardous materials to the facilities for treatment or disposal.

In accordance with the EPA agreement for the Site, the selected remedy will be implemented by the Steering Committee with the oversight of the EPA and state agencies. The Steering Committee consists of eleven customers of the now defunct PTI Corporation who have agreed to perform the cleanup work.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

EPA encourages community members to review the Administrative Record for the site. Documents related to the facility, including design documents for the building removal, will be made available by EPA as part of the Administrative Record. The Administrative Record is available for public review at the following locations during normal business hours:

Kansas City, Kansas
Main Public Library
625 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas

Kansas City, Missouri
Main Public Library
Government Documents
311 E. 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri

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

Additional information is also available on
EPA's website:
http://www.epa.gov/region7/news_events/

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fact sheet or the Site, please contact:

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