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Quarterly Drinking Water, Groundwater, and Soil Sampling Continues Hills Iowa Perchlorate Site

SITE UPDATE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is scheduled to return to the Hills, Iowa community February 9 - 21, 2004, to perform quarterly drinking water sampling, and additional groundwater and soil sampling. The sampling will determine the current levels of perchlorate in drinking water, groundwater and soils. This effort will also help to determine the source of the perchlorate.

EPA plans to perform the following activities:

- Sample the drinking water wells of all homes where perchlorate levels were previously detected between 4-18 parts per billion (ppb) to assure the health and well being of the residents;
- Obtain drinking water samples from additional homes to completely outline the extent of the perchlorate-contaminated groundwater plume, and;
- Plan a significant effort to determine the source of the perchlorate and continue the search for a potentially responsible party(s).

To date, EPA has sampled 191 private wells in Hills for perchlorate. Of the 191 wells samples, 148 showed detectable levels of perchlorate.

EPA is currently in the process of formulating a Community Involvement Plan that will become a part of the Administrative Record for the Hills Iowa Perchlorate Site. EPA encourages the

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

City Hall
Attn: Teresa Volk
201 N. First Street
Hills, Iowa 52235

EPA Region 7
Records Center
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

EPA will continue its efforts to protect human health and the environment as we address contamination in the Hills community.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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