



# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **U.S. EPA CONDUCTS A FIVE-YEAR REVIEW TO ENSURE CLEANUP IS PROTECTIVE AT SUSSEX COUNTY LANDFILL NO.5**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting a Five-Year Review of the Sussex County Landfill No. 5 Superfund Site located in Laurel, Sussex County, Delaware. The review will look at cleanup work that has been completed at the site.

### **What is a Five-Year Review?**

It is a review required by law to make sure that the EPA cleanup is protective of human health and the environment. The review includes physically inspecting the site and cleanup technologies and examining monitoring data, operating data and maintenance records. A search is also done to check if any applicable new regulatory requirements have been established since EPA's cleanup decision was finalized. This entire process is repeated every five years.

### **Why is a Five-Year Review being done for this site?**

The Five-Year Review is an opportunity for EPA to ensure that the past five years of groundwater monitoring activities have been successful. In 1994, EPA documented the low levels of contamination at the site, which resulted in no cleanup action. Based on the 1999 Five-Year Review results and the current levels of contamination, the site was deleted from the National Priorities List (NPL) on September 18, 2001. Sussex County continues to monitor groundwater, among other requirements, on an annual basis.

### **Has EPA finished the cleanup of this site?**

Yes. Sussex County completed the construction of a public water line in September 1995. Nearly all residences have been connected to the water line and domestic wells have been closed. The county continues to monitor groundwater on an annual basis and has filled in depressions on the cover of the landfill to promote proper drainage.

### **To review site files:**

When complete, the Five-Year Review will be available on the Internet at [www.epa.gov/arweb](http://www.epa.gov/arweb) or at the EPA Public Reading Room, 1650 Arch Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Call Anna Butch at 1-800-352-1973 ext. 4-3157 for an appointment.

For more information or to report concerns about the site that may be helpful to the Five-Year Review Process, please contact:

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