



Price Battery Site Hamburg, Pennsylvania October 2004



United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III

EPA Proposes Site to Cleanup List

EPA proposed the Price Battery site to the National Priorities List (NPL) on September 23, 2004 making it eligible for additional federal cleanup money. The NPL is the EPA's list of uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites identified for long-term cleanup under the federal Superfund Program.

Since 2002 EPA has cleaned more than 83 residential properties in Hamburg found to contain high levels of lead. This work will continue.

EPA Study Will Help Lead to a Final Cleanup

A long-term study called a remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) will start in the coming year. The purpose of the study is to find out how extensive contamination is at the site and if there are any long-term risks to people or the environment. The study will also propose ways that EPA can clean up the site.

Throughout the project, EPA will involve the community and you will have the opportunity to comment on EPA's proposal to clean up the site.

Background

The Price Battery site is located near the town center of Hamburg. From the 1940s through the 1970s a lead smelter operated within the Price Battery factory. Smelting is a process in which lead is melted down and a byproduct of the process was lead contaminated smoke which settled as dust in areas of Hamburg.

Who Else Will Be Involved?

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) works with EPA to investigate the health impacts of a site on the local population. Questions

about ATSDR's role may be directed to Charles Walters at 215-814-3139.

More Information

The documents supporting EPA's proposed listing of this site on the NPL are available for review at:

**Hamburg Public Library
35 North 3rd Street
Hamburg, PA 19526**

•Public Meeting•

EPA will host an informational meeting to talk about:

- ✓ Why is the Price Battery site proposed to the NPL?
- ✓ What happens next?
- ✓ How can you be involved?

PUBLIC MEETING

**Where: Hamburg High School
Large Group Information Room
When: Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004
6:30-9:00 PM**

Formal Presentation at 7:00 PM
Please come to have your questions answered!

For more information please contact:

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EPA Websites

<http://www.epa.gov/superfund>
<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/>

Comment on the Proposed Listing

The public is invited to comment on the NPL listing for 60 days which began on September 23, 2004 and ends on November 22, 2004. Send your written comments to:

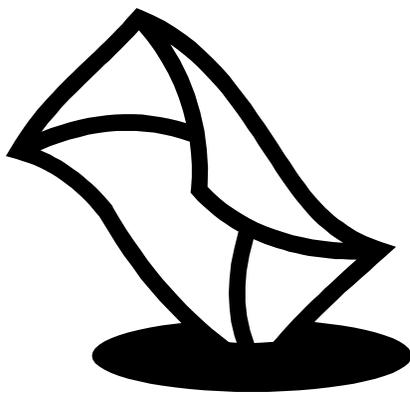
**Docket Coordinator, Headquarters
U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency
CERCLA Docket Office
Mail Code 5305T
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20460**

Tips for mailing comments:

√ Make sure you send three (3) copies

√ **For express mail** -make sure you have the correct FedEx address:
1235 Jefferson Davis Hwy;
Crystal Gateway #1
First Floor;
Arlington, Va 22202

For more information, contact:
Linda Baxter at: 215-814-5824 or
www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/pubcom.htm



Get Involved!

Your Community Involvement Coordinator for this site is:

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The EPA's Community Involvement Program is committed to making sure you get the information you need to be involved in the cleanup project. Below are some ways your community can participate.

Community Advisory Group

Community Advisory Groups may be formed at any point and serve as a liaison between EPA and the community.

Technical Assistance Grant

EPA's Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Program provides funds of up to \$50,000 to qualified citizens' groups affected by a Superfund site to hire independent technical advisors to help interpret and comment on site-related information. Since only one TAG may be awarded for a site, EPA encourages groups to consolidate to apply. For TAG information, please contact Amelia Libertz, TAG Coordinator, at 1-800-553-2509.



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