



Greenwood Chemical Superfund Site Removal Action



Greenwood, Albemarle County, Virginia

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Cleanup Activity at Greenwood Chemical...

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is removing potentially hazardous chemicals from the Greenwood Chemical Superfund Site located on State Rte 690 in Greenwood, Virginia.



Background...

Various containers with old lab chemicals were found onsite and needed to be removed for proper disposal. The containers had chemicals with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semi-VOCs, which are potential health hazards.

Trace amounts of these lab chemicals and elevated levels of arsenic and cyanide were also found in onsite lagoon sludge. Inorganic arsenic had also been detected in the onsite surface soil.

In summer 2004, EPA began short-term removal activities, in addition to the on-going long-term cleanup efforts, to address some of the remaining materials left on-site.

Frequently Asked Questions or Concerns...

The following concerns have been identified through discussions with many of the local residents in the area.

- **School Children Safety**

We have flagmen to limit truck traffic during school bus traffic times. Drivers know there are children in the area and know about our site specific "zero tolerance" policy for dangerous driving.

- **Mud on the Road**

We addressed this concern by using a street sweeper and water truck to keep the roads clean. The mud is clean soil (not contaminated) from the road onsite where the trucks park and let each other pass.

- **Ruts on the side of Newtown Road**

Ruts and marks on the grass resulting from our removal work will be addressed once the majority of truck traffic is finished.

- **Trucks Blocking the Road**

For both safety and convenience reasons, we have instructed the trucking company not to block the road.

- **Wear and Tear on Newtown Road**

We are working with the Virginia Department of Transportation to address maintenance issues associated with the increased truck traffic. VaDOT will make any State Road construction and maintenance decisions.

Removal Work Status...

Completed Work	Ongoing or Scheduled Work
The lab chemicals have been removed and properly disposed at an approved facility.	Finish remaining soil disposal (scheduled to be completed this week).
Over 9,000 yards of soil have been excavated from the property. (including lagoon sludge).	Continue clean fill deliveries and soil replacement.
To date, over 8,000 tons of soil have been hauled offsite and properly disposed at an approved facility.	Address former lagoon areas (to prevent water from refilling the areas).
	Onsite re-seeding (scheduled to be completed by mid-Nov).
	Monitor site work (Spring revisit to ensure restoration success).

EPA will continue to work closely with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and local Police throughout the project. We will continue to meet with residents to discuss any questions or concerns about the site. If you have questions please call or visit the EPA trailer onsite. EPA personnel are available even after work is completed and personnel leave the site area.

For More Information...

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For more information on this site, please visit www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/super/VA/greenwood-chem/index.htm

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