



EPA TO HOLD COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

Turnpike Dump Site

Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey

November 2006

NEW!! COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION:

Date: Monday, November 20th,

Time: 3pm -7pm

Location: Cafeteria of Frank R. Conwell Middle School #4

Address: 107 Bright St. Jersey City, NJ

Questions?

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www.epa.gov/region02/superfund/removal/turnpikedump

Visit EPA's Web site at:

www.epa.gov/region2/superfund

EPA Regional Public Liaison:

EPA Region 2 has designated a public liaison as a point-of-contact for community concerns and questions about the federal Superfund program in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. To support this effort, the Agency has established a 24-hour, toll-free number that the public can call to request information, express concerns, or register complaints about Superfund. The public liaison for EPA's Region 2 office is:

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will soon begin excavation and disposal of exposed drums and other containers at the Turnpike Dump site in Jersey City. EPA's contractor will begin identifying and classifying the materials at the site. Plans will then be developed for the removal and disposal of these hazardous materials.

The cleanup is expected to start in mid-November 2006 and be completed in four to six months. All wastes will be transported off-site for appropriate treatment and disposal. The mode of transportation and method of disposal will be based on site conditions and waste analysis. Workers will be in protective clothing, and air monitors will be placed around the site to monitor the air quality and ensure safety for those in the vicinity of the cleanup.

Background

The site is located between Grand and Aetna Streets in Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ, and consists of a vacant 16-acre tract of land which was historically used for unpermitted landfill operations. Landfill operations reportedly were conducted from the 1900's until the mid-1980's and included the dumping of ash, slag, tires, construction debris, drums, cylinders, metal debris, including vehicles and contaminated oils.

The area surrounding the site consists of commercial establishments, residential dwellings and the Children's and Wilzig Hospitals. In addition, the NJ Transit Light Rail line extends through a portion of the site. The property being cleaned is owned by the City of Jersey City.

In 1991, EPA was asked in to assist local and State emergency response personnel with extinguishing a large tire fire at the landfill. Between 1991 and 1993, EPA conducted several actions at this location to address the site and attend to the threat posed by site conditions. These actions included the removal of drums, cylinders, tanks, installation of fire breaks and the construction of a perimeter security fence.