

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENCY'S INTENT TO ISSUE AN
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT TO CYCLE CHEM INCORPORATED TO
INVESTIGATE AND CLEAN UP ITS FACILITY IN ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

Site/Facility:

Cycle Chem
217 South First Street
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Public Notice Number:

Public Comment Period End: December 20, 2018

Summary and Description:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intends to issue, subject to receipt and review of public comments, an Administrative Order on Consent, pursuant to Section 7003 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended (hereinafter "RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. 6973, to address soil and groundwater contamination that potentially poses an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment (In the Matter of Cycle Chem Incorporated, Docket No. RCRA-02-2018-7301). The Section 7003 Order requires that Cycle Chem undertake a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI), RCRA Corrective Measures (CM) Studies and CM Implementation, including interim measures to clean up contamination at its facility located at 217 South First Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The 7003 Order contains findings on soil and groundwater contamination at the facility. EPA is planning to issue the Section 7003 Order to Cycle Chem to ensure complete cleanup at the site. Community members and stakeholders are welcome to comment on the Section 7003 Order and may review relevant documents about the on-going investigations at the location listed below. Written comments must be received by EPA at the address given below by **December 20, 2018**.

EPA will host a public meeting on **Thursday December 6th, 2018 at the Elizabeth Public Library - 11 S Broad St, Elizabeth, NJ 07202 from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.** to discuss the proposed Consent Order, answer questions, and accept formal public comments.

Site Background

Cycle Chem is a 2.03-acre site located in a mixed industrial, commercial and residential area and has historically been bordered, in part, by various chemical/petroleum related industries. Cycle Chem is located approximately 650 feet from the Elizabeth River. Perk Chemical operated as a chlorinated solvent distribution facility from 1962 to 1985. Cycle Chem has owned the facility since 1985.

Cycle Chem recovers spent solvents and treats both hazardous and non-hazardous wastes in

containers and tanks. The facility accepts commercially generated, as well as on-site generated, hazardous waste for storage, treatment, and transfer. The facility's RCRA operating permit was renewed by New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on June 9, 2017.

The site currently consists of a canopy covered concrete operating/storage area that contains 12 above ground tanks, a laboratory testing building, an outdoor concrete storage/processing area, a loading/unloading staging area and a small storage building for packaging waste material.

The investigation and cleanup of this facility is being done under the oversight of EPA Region 2 in coordination with NJDEP.

A copy of the Section 7003 Order, a fact sheet, the RFI Work Plan and other pertinent RCRA corrective action proposals including all supporting data and documents, can be reviewed at the following location:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
RCRA Records Center
290 Broadway, 15th Floor, Room 1538
New York, NY 10007-1866
(212) 637-3042

The documents are also available for review by appointment at:

Elizabeth Public Library
418 Palmer Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202
Telephone (908) 469-1866.

After the close of the public comment period, EPA will consider all significant comments and decide whether to proceed with the proposed actions discussed above.

For more information about this public notice, please contact Wilfredo Palomino, EPA Hazardous Waste Programs Branch, at (212) 637-4179.