

Public Notice: Proposed RCRA Corrective Action - Cleanup Proposal for Union Switch and Signal Division in Pittsburgh , PA - EPA ID: PAD000001115

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 8/23/2024

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is announcing its proposed remedy under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA), for the former Union Switch & Signal Division (USSD) facility located in Pittsburgh, PA. The public notice and statement of basis have been posted for review and comments during the next 30 days. The comment period will begin on **August 23, 2024** and end on **September 22, 2024**.

Summary of Proposed Action:

RCRA Corrective Action - Cleanup Proposal

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: The Union Switch & Signal Division (USSD) facility was situated on a triangular, 40-acre property in the Boroughs of Swissvale and Edgewood in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. From 1880 until 1987, the Site was the location of operations for USSD. USSD is a major producer of various electrical and mechanical components used in railroad signaling and control systems. Building demolition and site cleanup occurred in 1987 following the approval of the Closure Plan. Following the closure of the USSD operations, the property was redeveloped into the Towne Centre Office Building and Edgewood Towne Centre shopping complex. Contaminants remaining in the soil and groundwater that require remedial actions include 1,1-dichloroethene, trichloroethene, arsenic, chromium, cadmium, cobalt, lead and manganese. The EPA's proposed remedy for USSD consists of maintenance of a cap, installation of building vapor mitigation systems, implementation of a Materials Management Plan, and the implementation of land use restrictions.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: Information regarding EPA's proposed remedy is available on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveactioncleanups/hazardous-waste-cleanup-union-switch-and-signal-division-pittsburgh> . The Administrative Record, which contains all the information considered in EPA's proposed remedy, is available at U.S. EPA Region 3 , MS 3LD12, 1600 John F. Kennedy Boulevard , Philadelphia, PA 19103, . Office hours are: Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. For additional information, contact: Project Manager Kevin Bilash at EPA Mid-Atlantic's address listed above; Phone: 215-814-2796 or Email: bilash.kevin@epa.gov .

COMMENT PROCESS: Persons to comment on EPA's proposed decision must submit comments to EPA within the 30-day comment period ending **9/22/2024**. Interested persons may also request a public hearing on this proposed remedy. All comments and/or requests for a hearing must be submitted in writing via mail, fax, or email to the EPA Project Manager, Kevin Bilash as listed above, and must be received prior to **9/22/2024**. All comments will be considered in making a final decision.

FINAL DECISION: EPA will make a final decision after considering all comments, consistent with applicable RCRA requirements and regulations. If the remedy is substantially unchanged from the one in this notice, EPA will issue a final decision and inform all persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of EPA's final determination. If the remedy is significantly different from the one proposed, EPA will issue a public notice explaining the new remedy and will reopen the comment period.