

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) are conducting the required five-year review of the Beloit Corporation Superfund site located in Rockton, Illinois. The on-going site remedy for the volatile organic compounds found in a limited number of private water wells include a pump-and-treat system at the Beloit Facility to remove the contaminants, as well as, annual groundwater sampling conducted by the Illinois EPA.

This is the first scheduled five year review to determine if the site still represents a threat to human health or the environment and to ensure the on-going cleanup is being effective in protecting people and remediating groundwater as intended. The review began on April 1, 2013, and is expected to be completed in September 2013 and will involve community interviews.

The review team (which includes technical and community relations representatives from both the state and federal agencies) participates in data and document reviews, private water well sampling, a site inspection, and community interviews.

The five year review also gives local community members the opportunity to voice their concerns about site conditions and clean-up efforts. The Illinois EPA will be contacting various property owners and local officials in the Rockton area via written mail and phone calls to inquire if they wish to participate in the interviewing process. Concerned citizens will also be giving the opportunity to request a question and answer session with representatives from the Illinois EPA. A questionnaire will be included in a correspondence to the community members scheduled to be mailed in early May.

Once the review team compiles the information, it will develop a summary of their findings which will be available for public review at the Beloit Cooperation Information Repository located at the Talcott Free Library, 101 East Main Street, Rockton, Illinois 61072 (Phone: 815.624.7511) and at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in Springfield, Illinois.

Anyone wishing further information on the Beloit Corporation Superfund site and the five year review process should contact:

Michelle D. Tebrugge
Illinois EPA, Office of Community Relations MC #5
1012 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
Phone: 217.524.4825
Email: Michelle.Tebrugge@illinois.gov.