

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Invites Public Comment On The Proposed Plan For The Off-site Soils (Operable Unit 4) New Jersey Zinc/Mobil Chemical Superfund Site In DePue, Illinois

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) announces the availability of the Proposed Plan for the cleanup of Operable Unit 4 of the New Jersey Zinc/Mobil Chemical Superfund Site, Off-Site Soils, in DePue, Illinois. The Proposed Plan identifies a preferred cleanup option. Illinois EPA invites public comment on this option and on the other options evaluated and described in the Proposed Plan.

Illinois EPA will hold a 30 day comment period from June 14, 2016 to July 14, 2016 to provide an opportunity for the public to participate in the final selection of the final cleanup option. During the comment period, the public is invited to review the Proposed Plan which is available at the *Selby Township Library, 101 Depot Street, DePue, IL 61322*.

Illinois EPA's preferred option is to excavate contaminated soil and fill material from residences, gardens, parks, alleys, and the school. Excavated properties would be backfilled with clean soil, and revegetated or restored. This option consists of digging up and removing soil with concentrations greater than the cleanup goals, generally to a maximum depth of 18 inches in yards, 24 inches in gardens, and 12 inches in parks and alleys. Excavated soils would be stockpiled on the former New Jersey Zinc plant site and excavated fill material would be stockpiled north of the slag pile. The stockpiles would be safely managed until a final remedy for the plant site is determined. It is estimated that approximately 55,000 cubic yards of soil and fill from throughout the Village will exceed one or more cleanup standards and will require removal. The other option evaluated included the disposal of excavated soil off-site at a landfill.

Illinois EPA will hold a Public Availability Session on **Wednesday, June 22, 2016, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.** at the **DePue School Gymnasium**, 204 Pleasant Street, DePue, Illinois to discuss the Proposed Plan, the preferred clean-up option and to answer questions. No formal presentation will be provided. A Spanish translator will be present.

Illinois EPA will hold a Public Meeting on **Wednesday, June 29, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** at the **DePue School Gymnasium**, 204 Pleasant Street, DePue, Illinois to accept comments on the Proposed Plan. A formal presentation will be provided. A Spanish translator will be present during the meeting. The meeting will be transcribed and a copy of the transcript will be available at *The Selby Township Library, 101 Depot Street, DePue, IL 61322*.

Although this is the preferred alternative at the present time, Illinois EPA welcomes the public's comments on the Proposed Plan and the other options. The formal comment period ends on July 14, 2016. Illinois EPA will select the final remedy after the public comment period ends and may select another option after public comments are considered.

Written comments must be postmarked by midnight, Thursday, July 14, 2016, when the public comment period closes. For questions about the public meeting procedures or the submission or questions and comments, please contact Jay Timm by email at epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov.

Comments do not need to be notarized and should be mailed to:

Illinois EPA Community Relations - #5
Re: New Jersey Zinc/Mobil Chemical Superfund Site Proposed Plan
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Technical questions about the site or the Proposed Plan should be directed to:

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Copies of the Proposed Plan and the Administrative Record are available for review at the Selby Township Library, in DePue or by request to the following contact.

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The public notice and the Proposed Plan can also be viewed at the Illinois EPA website <http://www.epa.illinois.gov>. Use the search feature to locate New Jersey Zinc/Mobil Chemical, click on public notice or proposed plan.