



EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup at Universal Oil Products Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted its fifth Five-Year Review of the Universal Oil Products (UOP) Superfund site located in East Rutherford, New Jersey. This review confirmed that the cleanup conducted at the uplands portion of the site continues to protect human health and the environment. The cleanup of the UOP site was conducted approximately 20 years ago and included: excavating PCB/PAH contaminated soil and on-site treatment by thermal desorption; soil cover for remaining low-level PCB contaminated soil; excavating and on-site treatment by thermal desorption of soil contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs), as well as material removed from storm sewers; soil cover/impermeable capping for lead-contaminated soil; deed restrictions to exclude residential use of the property; and collecting, on-site treatment and discharging shallow groundwater which was contaminated with VOCs. The remedies for Operable Unit 1 are currently protective of human health and the environment in the short term because all exposure pathways have been addressed. A summary of these activities and evaluation of the long-term protectiveness of the remedy is included in the Five-Year Review report. The remedy for the waterways at the site, selected in 2019, are currently in the design stage.

What is an EPA Five-Year Review?

EPA prepares a formal summary of the performance and protectiveness of the remedy at Superfund sites every five years to ensure that cleanups remain fully protective of human health and the environment. These formal reviews, which are required by federal law when contaminants remain at a site, include:

- Inspecting the site and cleanup technologies;
- Reviewing monitoring data, operating data, and maintenance records; and,
- Determining if any new regulatory requirements have been established since EPA's original cleanup decision was finalized.

Where will EPA's Five-Year Review Report be available?

The Five-Year Review report is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/universal-oil>

For more information

There are several ways to review information on this site. The Administrative Record, which includes EPA documents used for selecting the cleanup plan, is available for public review at:

<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/universal-oil>

You may also review the Administrative Record and other information at:

EPA Region 2 Public Reading Room

290 Broadway, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866

Phone: (212) 637-4308 (Call to make an appointment)

You may also contact

If you have any concerns or information about a change in current site conditions, please contact:

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