



Removal Action

Jewett White Lead Company Site

Port Richmond, Staten Island, New York

Community Update

January 2012

ENGINEERING EVALUATION/COST ANALYSIS (EE/CA):

Where there is a planning period of at least six months, the National Contingency Plan (NCP) requires that an engineering evaluation/cost analysis (EE/CA) be prepared. The goals of the EE/CA are to identify the objectives of the removal action and to analyze the various alternatives that may be used to satisfy these objectives for cost, effectiveness and implementability.

ACTION MEMORANDUM

An Action Memorandum serves as the primary decision document that determines the need for a CERCLA removal action at a site. The Action Memorandum provides a concise, written record of the selection and approval of an EPA removal action.

RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

A responsiveness summary provides a comprehensive response to all oral or written comments, criticisms, and new data raised by the community, including potentially responsible parties (PRPs) received at public meetings or during public comment periods. It briefly summarizes major community concerns and documents EPA's response to the comments. Members of the public may use the document to determine how their comments were considered during the decision making process.

REMOVAL ACTION SELECTED

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected a Superfund removal action for the 2000-2012 Richmond Terrace property portion of the Jewett White Lead Site located on the North Shore of the Borough of Staten Island. This decision is documented in the Action Memorandum for this Site dated December 21, 2011.

The cleanup will consist of removing lead contaminated soil from the 2000-2012 Richmond Terrace property, and disposing it at an EPA approved landfill facility. An Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) was completed in March 2011, identifying the excavation and removal of the contaminated soils as EPA's preferred removal alternative.

It is anticipated that the cleanup will begin in Spring 2012. Precautions will be taken during all on-site activities to ensure the public is protected.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

EPA relies on public input to ensure that the concerns of the community are considered when selecting an effective removal action. A public comment period was held from March 4, 2011 until April 17, 2011.

Throughout the public comment period, comments were received from 28 sources, including 12 private citizens. The public supports EPA's recommended non-time critical removal action, which consists of removing the lead contaminated soil and backfilling the excavation with certified clean soil from an approved off-site source. Responses to the comments received at the public meeting and in writing during the public comment period have been summarized in the Responsiveness Summary, included as an attachment to the Action Memorandum.

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SITE HISTORY

John Jewett & Sons White Lead Company operated a white lead manufacturing facility at the 2015 Richmond Terrace property from 1839 until 1890 when National Lead acquired the property. National Lead continued the manufacture of white lead at the site, and extended the operations across the street to include the 2000 Richmond Terrace property.

The 2000-2012 Richmond Terrace property portion of the site, which is the subject of the EE/CA and Action Memorandum, is currently a fenced, unpaved vacant lot.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

EPA is presently in discussions with the potentially responsible parties to undertake the selected removal action at the Jewett White Lead Site. The removal action will begin in the Spring of 2012. We will return to the community when the start date for the removal action has been provided. EPA will continue to keep the community informed of current and future on-site cleanup activities.

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES**Where can I review the EE/CA, Action Memorandum, and Responsiveness Summary?**

All documents related to the 2000-2012 Richmond Terrace property portion of the Jewett White Lead Site are available for public review at the locations below.

To review online, visit:

www.epa.gov/region02/superfund/removal/jewettwhitelead

To review a paper copy, please contact:

- **New York Public Library, Port Richmond Branch** located at
75 Bennett Street
Port Richmond
Staten Island, NY 10302
- **Superfund Records Center US EPA Region 2** located at
2890 Woodbridge Avenue
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