



BLACK LEAF CHEMICAL SITE

LOUISVILLE, KY

FACT SHEET



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This Site information sheet summarizes the history of the Site, activities presently underway at the Site, and future activities planned for the Site.

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Site Background

The Black Leaf Chemical Site is a former pesticide formulating facility located in the Louisville Industrial Park at 1391 Dixie Highway in Louisville, KY. The Site, which is located on a 29 acre property in the Park Hill neighborhood operated from the 1930s to the 1970s, and handled pesticides such as Black Leaf 40, DDT, Dieldrin, and Lindane.

Site investigations from 2010-2013 confirmed the presence of DDT and dieldrin in surface soils on the industrial property and in residential yards. Elevated levels of arsenic, lead, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) were also discovered.

Current Status and Future Actions

During the week of August 12, excavation and clearing will take place in the alley behind Wilson Avenue. On August 19, residential soil cleanup will begin on the 1500 block of Wilson Avenue then moving west along the alley toward 17th St. The plans are to excavate soil to a one foot depth at the rear of the impacted properties, backfill with clean topsoil, and then lay sod as a ground cover. Funding for the work will come from EPA's Superfund Removal Program and from KDEP's Hazardous Waste Management Fund.

EPA and KDEP representatives will go door to door and notify residents when excavation for their property is scheduled. The cleanup activities are expected to run into early November, as each yard is expected to take 2-3 days to complete.

Impacts to Residents

During the period when excavation and restoration is occurring, the back yards will be under construction and we ask that you avoid these areas during that time for safety reasons. We would ask that you keep your pets in the house when the yards are under construction. The alleys will not be closed, but we ask that you limit access to the alleys as much as possible to avoid congestion. Regularly scheduled garbage pickup in the alleys will continue during this period.