



CHILLUM PERC SITE

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and Washington, D.C.



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III

Get Involved at the Chillum PERC Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is conducting an investigation at the Chillum PERC Site in Chillum, Maryland and Washington, D.C. Throughout the investigation and subsequent cleanup activities, there are several opportunities for residents living near the area to become actively involved in the investigation/cleanup process, to help make site decisions, and to gain helpful knowledge to keep you up-to-date on site activities.

During the investigation and cleanup, EPA helps keep residents and other interested parties informed by:

- Naming a **Community Involvement Coordinator** for the site
- Mailing newsletters to residents' homes,
- Holding public meetings at locations near the site area, and
- Placing advertisements in the *Washington Post*.

The Community Involvement Coordinator for this site is **Vance Evans**. He is available to the community to help field information requests via telephone, mail or e-mail. His contact information is located on the back of this fact sheet.

Two additional involvement opportunities are the **Technical Outreach Services to Communities (TOSC)** and **Community Advisory Groups (CAGs)**.



The Technical Outreach Services to Communities (TOSC) program provides free, independent technical advice to communities affected by hazardous substances. Experts from universities are available to work directly with the community to help residents understand technical issues and interpret data and documents. The TOSC program nearest the Chillum PERC Site is located at the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus (UMBC). Please contact **Robyn Gilden, RN, MS, Program Manager** at 410-706-4803 for more information.

A Community Advisory Groups (CAG) is an organized way for communities to communicate with EPA and other agencies about issues of concern and to participate in the decision-making process. In some communities, CAGs have enlisted the help of TOSC and have been an excellent resource for information for other community members. To date, a CAG has not been formed for this site. For more information about CAGs, please contact **Amelia Libertz, CAG Coordinator** at 215-814-5522.

Chevron Investigation Update

The soil vapor sampling initially scheduled for November to cover 24 homes on Nicholson and Olglethorpe Street will be delayed indefinitely until enough access agreements can be secured from homeowners. Of the 24 agreement letters sent out in October, only 6 have been signed and returned to date. The rest are still being reviewed by the residents' legal council.

Chevron has scheduled to mobilize in the week of 12/15/03 to conduct pilot soil bor-
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PERC Investigation Update

EPA is still waiting for a portion of the current data package results from the TAGA sampling event done this past summer to be returned from the lab. Due to the large volume of samples the lab received this year, it has taken much longer than usual for them to get results back to EPA. Once we get the information, packets with the results will be sent out to residents whose properties were sampled. After that time we will be ready to schedule a meeting with residents to discuss the results.

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ings for three new recovery wells, redevelop two existing recovery wells, and abandon six existing wells in the former Chevron gas station area pursuant to the EPA-approved plan entitled "Interim Dual-Phase Extraction System Design and Specifications Plan".

As of now, other field activities to install 39 permanent monitoring wells, two soil vapor wells and additional soil vapor sampling in public area will be on schedule beginning in early 2004.

Health Consultation

EPA has asked the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to conduct a health consultation at the Chillum Site.

A health consultation provides advice on specific public health issues related to real or possible human exposure to toxic material. ATSDR expects to complete its health consultation by early spring.

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EPA Update on Site Progress



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