



Havertown PCP Superfund Site

Haverford Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania

-- Additional Investigation Taking Place --

Who:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) are conducting an additional investigation near the Havertown PCP Superfund Site. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the cause(s) for a recent increase in the elevation of the water table and evaluate the impact this condition may have on Site-related contaminants.

What:

EPA will inject brightly colored, non-toxic dyes into the ground at various points and monitor where they discharge to determine the cause of the elevated water table. Discharge points may include waterways, residential properties, and roadways. However, these dyes may flow in unexpected directions. Any observed brightly colored water or staining should be reported to EPA. Contact information is on the back page.

Where:

The dyes will be injected primarily in an area to the north of Rittenhouse Circle.

Why:

Certain homes in this area have experienced wetter than normal conditions in their backyards and water in basements. Recent sampling indicated groundwater and/or soil contamination above cleanup levels on several residential properties.

When:

The dyes are scheduled to be injected into the ground the week of April 15, 2019. Monitoring for the dyes will be conducted for approximately 4 to 6 weeks. The area of investigation may be expanded based on the sampling results.

What You Will Notice:

You may notice EPA and PADEP contractors in the area placing sampling equipment. You may also observe the dyes if they come to the surface in an area near you. No heavy equipment or machinery is expected to be used at this time.

For More Information:

Please visit EPA's Havertown PCP Superfund Site webpage at:

<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/havertownpcp>

Questions or Information to Report? Contact Us:

Please contact any of the EPA staff below if you have questions or if you observe brightly colored water or staining.

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Site Background:

The National Wood Preservers ran a wood treatment operation on this Site from 1947 to 1991. The company reportedly disposed of oil contaminated with Pentachlorophenol (PCP) in a well underneath its plant. Due to the facility's methods of waste disposal, the property's soil and the groundwater were contaminated. The contamination at the Site has been capped in place with a low permeability liner, and groundwater is being treated. This Site is in operation and maintenance. Both EPA and PADEP conduct quarterly sampling and annual inspections of the cap and groundwater treatment plant to ensure the remedies are functioning as designed.

