

Maryland Department Of The Environment Land Restoration Program State Assessment and Remediation Division

Public Notice of a Soil Removal Action Montgomery Brothers Dumpsite

The Maryland Department of the Environment ("MDE") has identified an area (shown on the attached figure) of chemical contaminated soil that must be removed from the Montgomery Brothers Dumpsite, located on Inverness Road, in North East, Maryland. The contaminated material was discovered during a monitoring well upgrade program that MDE conducted in 2020 and is thought to date back to illegal chemical waste disposal that occurred at the property 40 to 50 years ago. The chemical contaminants at issue are chlorinated solvents at concentrations that necessitate removal from the property.

The project is expected to last for a total of about two weeks. The site preparation work is tentatively scheduled to begin on October 19, 2021, and the soil removal work is tentatively scheduled to begin on October 26, 2021. The project will involve the use of heavy construction equipment, field personnel at times wearing personal protective equipment (including respirators), water pumping systems, storage receptacles, trucks, and air monitoring equipment. The work activities will occur during normal business hours and are expected to generate construction site type noise levels, and possibly, some chemical odors in the surrounding neighborhood. The work will be conducted under strict health and safety protocols to ensure the safety of the on-site workers and surrounding residents. Continuous air monitoring of the work area perimeter will be performed throughout the project to make sure that elevated contaminant concentrations do not leave the property, and a series of engineering controls can and will be used, if needed, to contain chemical vapors to the on-site work area. The Cecil County Health Department and local government officials have been briefed on the work to be performed and potential for associated noise and odor issues.

MDE is providing a copy of this flier to you and other residents located in close proximity to the proposed work area to make you aware of these activities and provide you with contact information (located on the reverse side of this page) so you can ask questions and/or alert agency members to problems or concerns you encounter during the project. A copy of the work plan scope of work outlining the specifics of the remediation effort and associated schedule of events (to be updated as the schedule evolves) can be found on MDE's website the following link:

https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/MarylandBrownfieldVCP/Pages/remediationsites.aspx

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