

EPA Seeks Public Input on Re-evaluation of the Cleanup Plan for Woodbrook Road Dump Superfund Site South Plainfield, NJ

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing an opportunity for public input on updates to the cleanup plan to address contaminated soil and debris at the Woodbrook Road Dump Superfund site in South Plainfield, New Jersey. EPA has prepared a document called a proposed Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) to summarize proposed updates and the reasons for them as a result of EPA's re-evaluation of the cleanup plan for the site.

EPA is not proposing a new cleanup plan or a fundamental change to its original plan. The proposed updates that are being announced today document that the estimated cost of the selected cleanup rose from \$45.4 million in 2018 to \$70 million in 2023 due in part to inflation and increased construction costs. In addition, in 2021, New Jersey created the Peter J. Barnes III Wildlife Preserve which includes the Woodbrook Road Dump site. The proposed ESD also adds the State of New Jersey's updated cleanup standard for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a significant contaminant at the site.

A 30-day public comment period for the proposed ESD begins June 29 and ends July 31 EPA July 14 and ends on August 14. EPA will will host a public meeting on July 27 at the So. Plainfield Municipal Courtroom, 2480 Plainfield Ave., at 6:30 pm. [enter location] on [enter date] at [enter time] to explain the cleanup proposal.

EPA's cEPA's cleanup plan for the site was originally documented in a 2013 Record of Decision and modified in a 2018 ESD.

For more information about the Woodbrook Road Dump Superfund site, please visit: www.epa.gov/superfund/woodbrook-road or contact EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator at seppi.pat@epa.gov or 646-369-0068.

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