

### Proposed RCRA East Plant Area Cleanup

Public Meeting March 31, 2005



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 PROPOSED RCRA EAST PLANT AREA CLEANUP (INTERIM MEASURE)

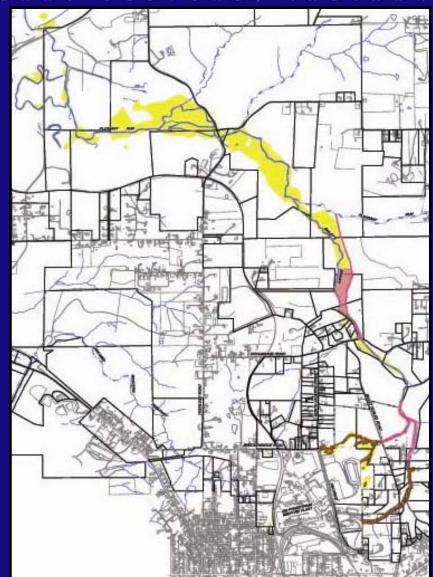


#### CREEK CLEANUP UPDATE

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156,401 tons of soil/sediment removed to date





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#### EAST PLANT AREA

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 East Plant Area used for waste management activities & infrastructure.
 Now only used for infrastructure

- Noted AOIs include:
  - AOI 4/15 Fill areas
  - AOI 5/6 Fill/sludge disposal areas
  - AOI 8 Former water treatment lagoon
- East Plant Area extensively studied as part of the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI)
  - Soil borings
  - Test trenches/pits
  - Bedrock corings
  - Monitoring wells
  - Dye trace studies
  - Geophysical surveys
  - Chemical analysis





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# EAST PLANT AREA PCB SOIL DISTRIBUTION VISUALIZATION

CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL (CSM)
VISUALIZATION



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#### To determine need for cleanup, took following steps:

- Evaluated human health risk using EPA precautionary assumptions
- Assumed continued industrial use
- Evaluated worker contact with soil, groundwater, sediment, surface water, and spring water assuming no institutional/engineering controls

#### Findings:

 Determined that cleanup should be conducted in the East Plant Area as a precautionary measure



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#### Objectives of the Cleanup Project

#### Primary Objectives

- Prevent people from routinely touching soil with PCBs at concentrations that could pose a long-term hazard
- Contain groundwater and oil with PCBs within East Plant Area

#### Additional Objectives

- Minimize disruption to community and plant during cleanup
- Isolate waste materials from rain/snowmelt
- Allow for continued plant operations
- Reduce the amount of PCBs in the ground
- Balance maintenance and monitoring
- Find the right balance between these objectives and cost

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#### Evaluation of Broad Range of Cleanup Options

- Conducted study to evaluate cleanup alternatives that would meet objectives of the project
  - 1. Monitor environmental conditions
  - 2. #1 + Institutional controls
  - 3. #2 + Cover system and perimeter groundwater collection system
  - 4. #3 + Soil removal with off-site disposal
  - 5. #3 + Soil removal and placement in landfill vault
  - 6. #3 + In-ground soil solidification
  - 7. #3 + Some in-ground soil solidification & some soil removal with off-site disposal
  - 8. Same as #7, except placement in landfill vault



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#### EPA Factors for Evaluating Cleanup Options

- Protect human health and environment
- Achieve cleanup objectives
- Remediate source
- Ensure long-term effectiveness
- Reduce toxicity, mobility and volume
- Ensure short-term effectiveness
- Ability to implement
- Consider cost
- Allow for community and state input



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- Met with U.S. EPA and IDEM to determine what we wanted to accomplish (end result) and potential remedies.
- Conversations have been underway for several months.
- Together have outlined objective for project, evaluated cleanup options and have narrowed down to a preliminary cleanup plan.



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#### Elements of the Cleanup Plan

- Institutional Controls
- Soil removal and placement into on-Facility Landfill Vault
- Soil Cover System over the East Plant Area
- Re-use of soil from the creek cleanup as grading layer below the Cover System
- Perimeter Trench System to collect/treat groundwater
- AOI 8 Groundwater Source Removal System
- Operation, maintenance, and monitoring



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#### INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS

- Institutional controls ensure future land use at East Plant Area remains compatible with cleanup
  - For example, deed restrictions prevent digging in area without proper health and safety precautions and would require any damaged component to be repaired

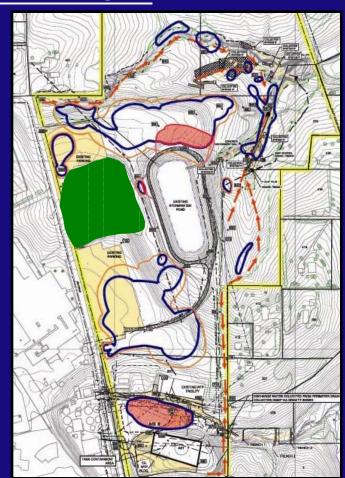


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## SOIL REMOVAL AND PLACEMENT INTO ON-FACILITY LANDFILL VAULT

- Areas of ≥50 mg/kg PCB soil removal
- Two areas where it is impractical for soil removal
  - Water treatment plant utility corridor
  - Stormwater pond side slopes



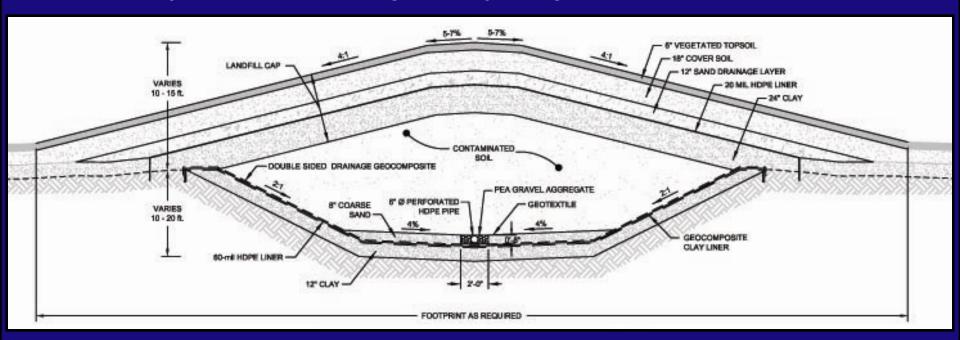


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## SOIL REMOVAL AND PLACEMENT INTO ON-FACILITY LANDFILL VAULT

On-Facility Landfill Vault (Conceptual)





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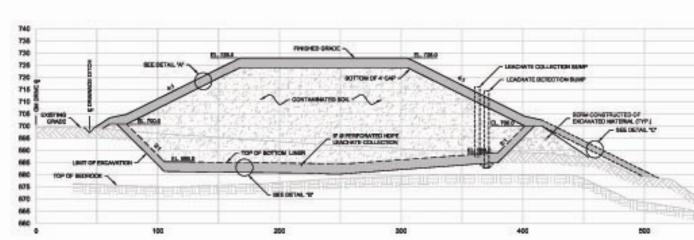
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## SOIL REMOVAL AND PLACEMENT INTO ON-FACILITY LANDFILL VAULT

#### **Potential Location**



## Preliminary On-Facility Landfill Vault Design



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#### SOIL COVER SYSTEM

- Install low permeability Cover System over East Plant Area
  - Control erosion
  - Prevent direct contact with contaminated soil
  - Reduce groundwater recharge by reducing infiltration of rain/snowmelt
    - Based on modeling, Geosynthetic Clay Liner/ Flexible Membrane Liner cover system alternatives can result in a 99 % reduction in precipitation infiltration rates
- Some areas (e.g. two employee parking lots) will be covered with an asphalt or concrete cap
- Cover System design will include:
  - Vegetated/frost protection/drainage layer
  - Barrier layer
  - Grading layer

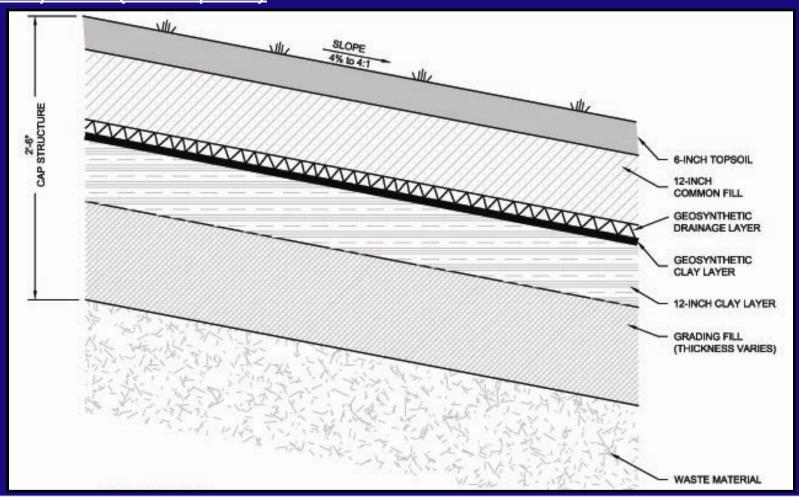


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#### **SOIL COVER SYSTEM**

#### **Cover System (Conceptual)**



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#### RE-USE OF SOIL FROM CREEK CLEANUP FOR GRADING FILL

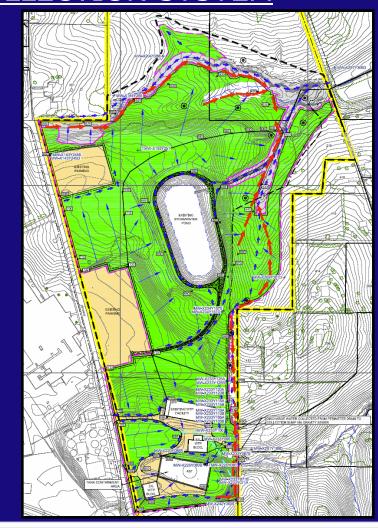
- Significant quantities of backfill material required for East Plant Area to:
  - Backfill soil excavation areas
  - Optimize sub-grade to contour ground surface below Cover System
    - Reduced maintenance
    - Reduced infiltration of rain/snowmelt
- Approximately 400,000 cubic yards of low concentration PCB soil (<50 mg/kg, average ~8.7 mg/kg) from Removal Action can be utilized for these purposes
- Benefits include:
  - Reduce impact to local community by minimizing traffic and damage to roads
  - Speed up completion of Removal Action
  - Reduce fuel consumption
  - Promote re-use/recycling and save backfill material from other sources



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PERIMETER GROUNDWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM

- Groundwater collection system will be constructed to collect and control potentially impacted groundwater at downstream side of East Plant Area
  - Excavate trench into competent bedrock (below upper fractured karst rock)
  - Line with impermeable heavy duty plastic (i.e., Flexible Membrane Liner) along the bottom and downstream side to keep water from going past the trench
  - Install perforated pipe and gravel in trench to capture and convey water to wet well
  - Pump collected water to water treatment facility



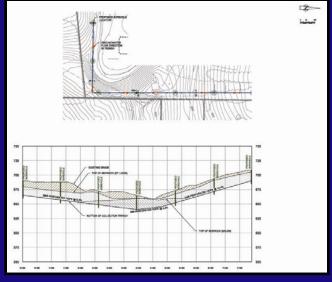


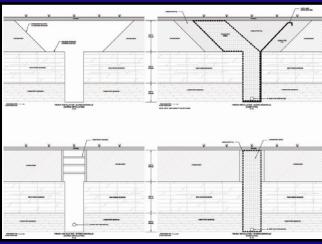
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#### PERIMETER GROUNDWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM









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# TRENCHING MACHINE







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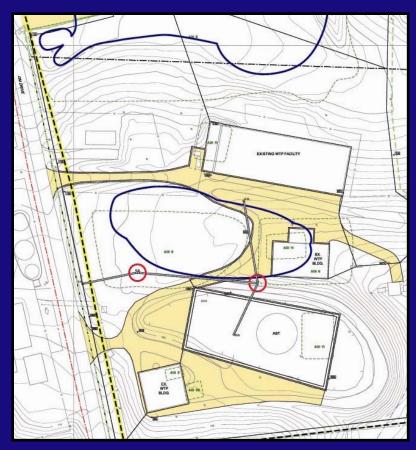




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#### **AOI 8 GROUNDWATER SOURCE REMOVAL SYSTEM**

- Collect impacted groundwater and oil in area of old ponds
- Treat collected water
- Separate any oil and dispose of off-Facility



**Example: Collection Trench** 



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#### OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING

- Inspect landfill Cover System to prevent erosion
- Maintain and monitor Perimeter Groundwater Collection System
- Maintain and monitor groundwater/stormwater collection treatment system



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#### PRE-DESIGN STUDIES

- Geophysical survey of East Plant Area to better define topography/condition of upper bedrock
- Perimeter surface PCB sampling to finalize limit of Cover System
- East Plant Area investigative coreholes to further define geology within East Plant Area
- Proposed Perimeter Groundwater Collection System alignment investigative coreholes
- Dye tracer studies in AOI 4
- Detailed topographic survey of East Plant Area



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#### Conceptual Schedule

Pre-design investigations

Landfill Vault liner construction

Excavation of > 50 mg/kg PCBs

Backfill excavations/grading fill

Landfill Vault cover system construction

**Cover System construction** 

Perimeter Groundwater Collection Trench

**AOI 8 Collection System** 

Spring – Summer 2005

Spring – Summer 2005

Spring – Winter 2005

Spring 2005 – Summer 2006

Fall 2005 – Summer 2006

Summer 2005 – late 2006

TBD

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#### **Delineation Soil Pile Removal Action** Sampling **Delineation Sampling** • 3,000+ delineation samples collected over 5 miles of creek Creek sediments and floodplain soils sampled Site Setup Clearing of trees in work area Site Setup Mobilization, site security, site trailers Erosion controls Access roads and parking areas **Water Control** • Soil berms and swales to route clean water around work areas Water within work areas contained and collected **Water Control** Potentially impacted water treated prior to discharge Restoration Constructed temporary on-site wastewater treatment facility to treat water prior to discharge **Excavation** • Dust and erosion control measures tin place prior to excavation Creek sediments and soil above cleanup criteria excavated Controls maintained until restoration complete **Soil Pile** • Excavated material managed in a contained area pending shipment for off-site disposal **Verification Sampling** • Creek and floodplain sampled to ensure cleanup criteria are met • Additional excavation completed, if necessary, and additional verification samples collected Restoration • Areas backfilled to generally match pre-existing conditions Vegetation re-established Habitat features added to creek and floodplain Verification **Excavation** Sampling

