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EPA will assess site's toxicity

GRIFFITH — The Environmental Protection Agency will determine if there is toxic contamination at the American Chemical Service site.

Trustee Patricia Schaadt said Tuesday the ground sampling and testing must be done by the EPA.

American Chemical, on Griffith's far south side, is eligible for Superfund cleanup if the EPA determines there is contamination on the site.

Ronald Mustard, a former EPA employee currently with the Northwest Indiana Regional Plan Commission, cautioned the board to protect the town's citizens and the firm.

Schaadt said while she was in Washington, D.C. several weeks ago she spoke to the staffs of Senators Dan Quayle and Richard Lugar and Congressman Peter Visclosky as well.

She said Quayle's staff representatives told her their office was not satisfied with the information supplied to it by the EPA and would look to that agency for a direct contact.

Schaadt said a draft work plan is to be submitted this April, and a work plan in May.

In other business, trustees approved a public rate hearing for US Cable of Northern Indiana on April 16.

Schaadt said she wants to include the retention of local access studios in the community as required by town cable television ordinance.