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West Lake Announcement Stories

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http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/epa-to-test-home-near-landfill-for-radioactive-contamination/article_a00ad64f-fdbc-5933-93c8-8c0f65d7786e.html

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http://fox2now.com/2016/11/22/epa-to-test-home-near-west-lake-landfill-for-radioactive-contamination/

EPA says West Lake cleanup decision will miss deadline

The Environmental Protection Agency announced Tuesday that it would miss a year-end deadline to select a cleanup plan for radioactive contamination at the West Lake Landfill Superfund site. "We need to extend the deadline for proposing a final remedy," said EPA Region 7 Administrator Mark Hague. "This is a very complex site," Hague continued. "We need to get this right and we will get it right but we need to extend the deadline."

There is not yet an adjusted timeline for when a cleanup plan will be finalized. The agency is also developing a separate plan to test residential areas surrounding West Lake Landfill "to address potential environmental health concerns in the area," according to a released statement. That announcement comes one week after a Bridgeton couple living about a half-mile away from the Superfund site filed a lawsuit alleging radioactive contamination of their home. Sampling will begin at that couple's home in the Spanish Village neighborhood and could possibly be expanded, based on the agency's findings. The timeline for those testing efforts also has yet to be determined, the EPA said.

This story will be updated.

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/epa-to-release-testing-plan-for-area-surrounding-west-lake/article_ab54deb2-3761-59b0-a3b0-9081b5af85fa.html

KSDK-TV Ch. 5 – EPA to test Bridgeton home for radioactive contamination – 11/22/16 – The Environmental Protection Agency(EPA) announced Tuesday it will test a Bridgeton home for radioactive contamination.

http://www.ksdk.com/news/health/epa-to-test-bridgeton-home-for-radioactive-contamination/355111025

KBIA – EPA won't meet end of the year deadline to propose remedy for West Lake Landfill – 11/22/16 – The Environmental Protection Agency has extended its deadline to propose a plan to clean up the West Lake Landfill Superfund site.

http://kbia.org/post/epa-wont-meet-end-year-deadline-propose-remedy-west-lake-landfill

Reuters – EPA delays cleanup proposal for radioactive waste in Missouri – 11/22/16 – The U.S. government said on Tuesday it was delaying indefinitely its proposal for how to clean up or seal off radioactive soil buried in a St. Louis-area landfill adjacent to another waste site where an underground fire has been smoldering for several years.

http://www.reuters.com/article/us-missouri-landfills-idUSKBN13I050

WasteDive – EPA delays decision on cleanup plan for radioactive West Lake Landfill – 11/23/16 – The Environmental Protection Agency announced that it will not be selecting a cleanup plan for radioactive contamination at the West Lake Landfill Superfund site before an

end-of-year deadline, as reported by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

http://www.wastedive.com/news/epa-delays-decision-on-cleanup-plan-for-radioactive-west-lake-landfill/431019/

Nedodesha, Kansas Incident

Fox 23 News – Explosions continue more than 15 hours after Neodesha blast – 11/22/16 – Parts of the town was evacuated, according emergency management: " Evacuate areas west and North of Osage to Ninth and North to Cobalt industries. Shelter at United Methodist, First Christian and Nazarene Churches."

http://www.fox23.com/news/plant-explosion-in-neodesha-kansas/469533277

KJRH-TV Ch. 2 – Evacuations end after explosion at Aerosol plant in Neodesha, Kansas, 3 people injured – 11/22/16 – Residents in Neodesha were able to return to their homes after an explosion at an Aerosol plant prompted Wilson County Kansas Emergency Management to evacuate part of the town Tuesday.

http://www.kjrh.com/news/local-news/evacuations-after-reports-of-explosion-at-aerosol-plant-in-neodesha-kansas-north-of-independence

Four States Homepage – Reports of explosion at Airosol Company in Neodesha – 11/22/16 – Despite the explosion happening around 6:30 Tuesday morning, the fire wasn't officially put out until roughly 4 p.m.

http://www.fourstateshomepage.com/news/breaking-news-reports-of-explosion-at-aerosol-plant-in-neodesha

Reuters – Authorities say at least one person was hurt in an explosion at a chemical plant that packages aerosol in Neodesha, Kansas. Rough Cut video (no reporter narration) – 11/22/16 – http://www.reuters.com/video/2016/11/22/explosion-at-chemical-plant-in-kansas?videoId=370530675

Bartlesville Radio – Update: Neodesha Plant Blast Water Advisory – 11/22/16 – A Do Not Use Water Order remains in effect for residents of Neodesha. The order was issued by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment following this morning's explosion at the Airosol Plant.

http://www.bartlesvilleradio.com/pages/news/131752016/-updateneodesha-plant-blast-water-advisory

Associated Press – 1 worker hurt in explosion at Kansas chemical plant – 11/22/16 – Federal safety inspectors are investigating an explosion and fire at a southeast Kansas chemical plant that injured one employee.

http://www.tri-cityherald.com/news/business/national-business/article116404598.html

Other News

Biofuels International – EPA finalises increase in renewable fuel volumes – 11/23/16 – The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has finalised increases in renewable fuel volume requirements across all categories of biofuels under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) programme.

http://biofuels-news.com/display_news/11413/epa_finalises_increase_in_renewable_fuel_volumes/

Green Car Reports – Bill to cap ethanol in U.S. fuel supply gains momentum – 11/23/16 – Efforts by the U.S. Congress to cap the amount of ethanol blended with the U.S. fuel supply appear to be gaining momentum.

http://www.greencarreports.com/news/1107433_bill-to-cap-ethanol-in-u-s-fuel-supply-gains-momentum

The Hill – Feds boost biofuels mandate for 2017 – 11/23/16 – Federal regulators have increased the amount of renewable fuels they will require oil refiners to blend into the gasoline and diesel supply next year.

http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/307348-feds-boost-biofuels-mandate-for-2017

Reuters – U.S. ups 2017 biofuels requirements in victory for Big Corn – 11/23/16 – The U.S. government on Wednesday announced finalized targets for biofuel use for next year, requiring that energy companies blend 19.28 billion gallons of renewables into the nation's fuel supply.

https://www.yahoo.com/news/u-government-2017-biofuels-target-proposed-levels-sources-144334217–finance.html

Associated Press – EPA chief: Progress under Obama won't be undone by Trump – 11/23/16 – President-elect Donald Trump will not derail progress made in fighting climate change and creating clean-energy jobs, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency insisted on Monday in arguing "the inevitability of our clean energy future is bigger than any one person or nation."

http://www.kentucky.com/latest-news/article116251793.html

Associated Press – EPA Wants To Keep Treatment Plant Running After Mine Spill – 11/22/16 – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency wants to keep operating a temporary wastewater treatment plant near the Gold King Mine in southwestern Colorado while it looks for longer-term solutions after a massive spill at the mine last year.

http://denver.cbslocal.com/2016/11/22/epa-wants-to-keep-treatment-plant-running-after-mine-spill/

National Review – The EPA Shows Again That It's an Affront to Common Sense – 11/23/16 – For decades, in administrations Democratic and Republican alike, the Environmental Protection Agency has been a paragon of waste, fraud, and abuse, a corrupt taxpayer-funded Evil Empire.

http://www.nationalreview.com/article/442420/environmental-protection-agency-regulations-methane-emissions-overreach

Afro – EPA Reaches Out to Communities of Color – 11/23/16 – On Oct. 28, 2016, the EPA released their 5-year environmental justice plan covering the years 2016-2020.

http://www.afro.com/epa-reaches-out-to-communities-of-color/

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