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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

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

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