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Gov. Justice Sends Letter of Support For Listing Minden Area As Superfund Site

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (August X, 2018) – Governor Jim Justice today submitted a formal letter to the Environmental Protection Agency in support of proposing the Shaffer Equipment/Arbuckle Creek area in Minden to the National Priorities List (NPL) for designation as a Superfund Site.

The Governor first made his support for that action known last February (**INSERT LINK**). However, under the detailed process required for Superfund designation, months of soil sampling needed to first be conducted to provide technical support for that action. That testing was recently completed and the results are in the final stages of review.

Gov. Justice's letter of support sent to EPA Region 3 Administrator Cosmo Servidio does not ensure that the Shaffer Equipment/Arbuckle Creek site will be added to the NPL. But the letter will be a critical component in a package that includes those soil and water sampling results, all of which will be included in the package submitted for NPL consideration.

The Governor's letter can be read here (**INSERT LINK**).

"I share the desire with the people of Minden for this NPL proposal process to be wrapped up as quickly as possible and that's why I acted immediately upon their request to send my letter of support to the EPA," Gov. Justice said. "I have said from the very beginning that I am going to do everything I can to make sure this site is listed and I am following through on that promise."

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