REP. UPTON (R-MI): ALLIED LANDFILL PORTION OF THE ALLIED PAPER/PORTAGE CREEK/KALAMAZOO RIVER SUPERFUND CLEANUP

QUESTION: "What is the status of the cleanup at the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site in central Michigan?"

ANSWER:

- EPA plans to propose a final cleanup alternative for the Allied Landfill this summer.
- EPA evaluated cleanup alternatives for the Allied Landfill ranging from on-site consolidation and capping of the waste ($41M) to complete removal and off-site disposal of the waste ($189M).
- EPA conducted extensive stakeholder outreach about cleanup alternatives under consideration, and is planning another public meeting in April.

BACKGROUND:

- Allied Landfill, located along Portage Creek in Kalamazoo, is the largest potential source of PCB-contaminated paper waste to the Kalamazoo River system.
- In 1998-1999, EPA excavated 150,000 cubic yards of contaminated material from Portage Creek and consolidated it into Allied Landfill, removing the most imminent threat to Portage Creek.
- The City of Kalamazoo and certain citizen groups are concerned that Allied Landfill may pose a threat to the city well-field and have advocated for complete removal of all PCB contaminated material from the landfill as the final remedial action.
- Congressional Inquiries. We've had congressional interest from Rep. Upton (R-MI), as well as Sens. Levin (D-MI) and Stabenow (D-MI). Rep. Upton supports complete removal of all PCB contaminated material from the landfill.

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