Current Information on the Wilcox Oil Superfund Site and Open House Meeting

Bristow, Oklahoma **May, 2015**

This fact sheet will tell you about:

- **Open House Meeting**
- **Current Actions at the Wilcox Oil Superfund Site (Site)**
- **The National Priorities List**
- **The Superfund Process**
- **Site History**
- **Contacts and More Information**

Open House Meeting

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) will host an Open House. This Open House will provide an opportunity for you to get up to date information about the site and planned activities, meet one-on-one with Agency staff, and discuss your questions or concerns.

This is a come-and-go event that will last from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. You can spend as little or as much time as you wish at the Open House. There will be no "sit-down" formal technical presentations or group question and answer period. Posters, maps, handouts, and interactive computer information will be available.

OPEN HOUSE MEETING
May 19, 2015 4 to 6 PM
Bristow-Public Library
111 West 7th Street
Bristow, Oklahoma 74010

Current Actions at the Site

The EPA and ODEQ met with residents on March 24 and 25, 2015, to talk about the Wilcox Oil Superfund Site. During these meetings, residents expressed interest in having their properties sampled. As a result, the EPA and ODEQ will be in the area sampling residential properties in May 2015 and fencing additional areas of concern.

The residential sampling is being done to compliment other activities that have been taken.

- In July 2014, the EPA installed a cap on the drinking water well near the Church on the Site and put up a fence with signs around an area of concern.
- In November 2014, ODEQ informed EPA that there was a potential elevated level of lead in the blood of a child living on the Site. The EPA developed a sampling plan and sampled the property in December 2014. A small area near a former pit was identified as a concern and will be fenced in May 2015.
- Currently ODEQ is preforming quarterly testing of drinking water wells for residents in and around this Site and nothing was found above the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs).

The National Priorities List

The National Priorities List, or NPL, is a list of top priority sites to be addressed through the Superfund Law. Initially, 406 sites were

9812256

listed when established in 1983; currently more than 1,685 sites are identified.

The EPA and the states continue to evaluate potential future sites. With the current rulemaking announcement, the EPA added the Site to the NPL on December 12, 2013.

The Superfund Process

The Superfund cleanup process begins with site discovery or notification to EPA of possible releases of hazardous substances. Sites are discovered by various parties, including citizens, State agencies, and EPA Regional offices. EPA then evaluates the potential for a release of hazardous substances from the site through a step-by-step process that includes site assessment, site inspections, and a ranking process to determine whether the site should be added to the NPL. Once on this list, EPA determines the best way to clean up the site to protect human health and the environment. Opportunities for community involvement occur throughout the process.

Site History

The Site is an inactive and abandoned oil refinery located in Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma. Wilcox Oil Company operated the oil refinery from the 1920s until the mid-1960s. The area of the former refinery is approximately 125 acres.

Contacts and More Information

Repository
City of Bristow Public Library
111 West 7th Street
Bristow, OK 74010

Mark Hayes
EPA Removal On-Scene Coordinator
214.665.2705 or 1.800.533.3508 (toll-free)
Hayes.Mark@epa.gov

Katrina Higgins-Coltrain
EPA Remedial Project Manager
214.665.8143 or 1.800.533.3508 (toll free)
coltrain.katrina@epa.gov

Bill Little
EPA Community Involvement Coordinator
214.665.8131 or 1.800.533.3508 (toll free)
Little.Bill@epa.gov

Janetta Coats
TAG Coordinator
214.665.7308 or 1.800.533.3508 (toll free)
Coats.Janetta@epa.gov

Captain Patrick Young
U.S. Public Health Service
ATSDR Regional Representative
214.665.8562 or 1.888.422.8737 (toll free)
Young.patrick@epa.gov

Todd Downham
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
405.702.5136
Todd.Downham@deq.ok.gov

Amy Brittain
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
405.702.5157
Amy.Brittain@deq.ok.gov

For additional information, please consult the EPA Region 6 website: http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/6sf-ok.htm.

All inquiries from the news media should be directed to: EPA Region 6 Press Office at 214.665.2200.

United States
Environmental Protection
Agency

Region 6
1445 Ross Ave. (6SF-VO)
Dallas, TX 75202