Community Dialogue

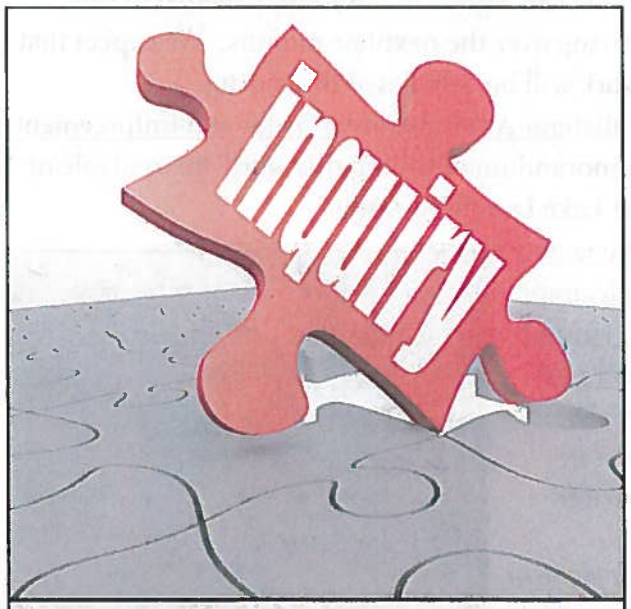
This is a vital year for making decisions and implementing actions at the site that will serve to protect site workers and the surrounding community from contamination. An important part of EPA's decision-making process is to gather stakeholder input, and to allow opportunity for public comment as called for by the National Contingency Plan.

In order to gather individual input from a broad group of stakeholders, EPA Region 7 is establishing an independent community dialogue where invitees from across the community, key stakeholders and EPA can share information and perspectives on the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site.

EPA will use a neutral professional facilitator, Cindy Cook, to guide this community dialogue. Cindy has reached out to members of the community, including private citizens, municipal organizations, and business leaders, to begin this process.

The community dialogue is intended to complement the public participation requirements under the federal Superfund law and the work of the Community Advisory Group (CAG). EPA will continue to offer full support to the CAG, such as providing independent technical support through the Technical Services for Communities (TASC) contract, facilitating meeting spaces for CAG meetings, and other appropriate support as requested by the CAG.

The first Community Dialogue meeting is Wednesday, March 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Bridgeton Recreation Center, 4201 Fee Fee Road, Bridgeton, Mo.



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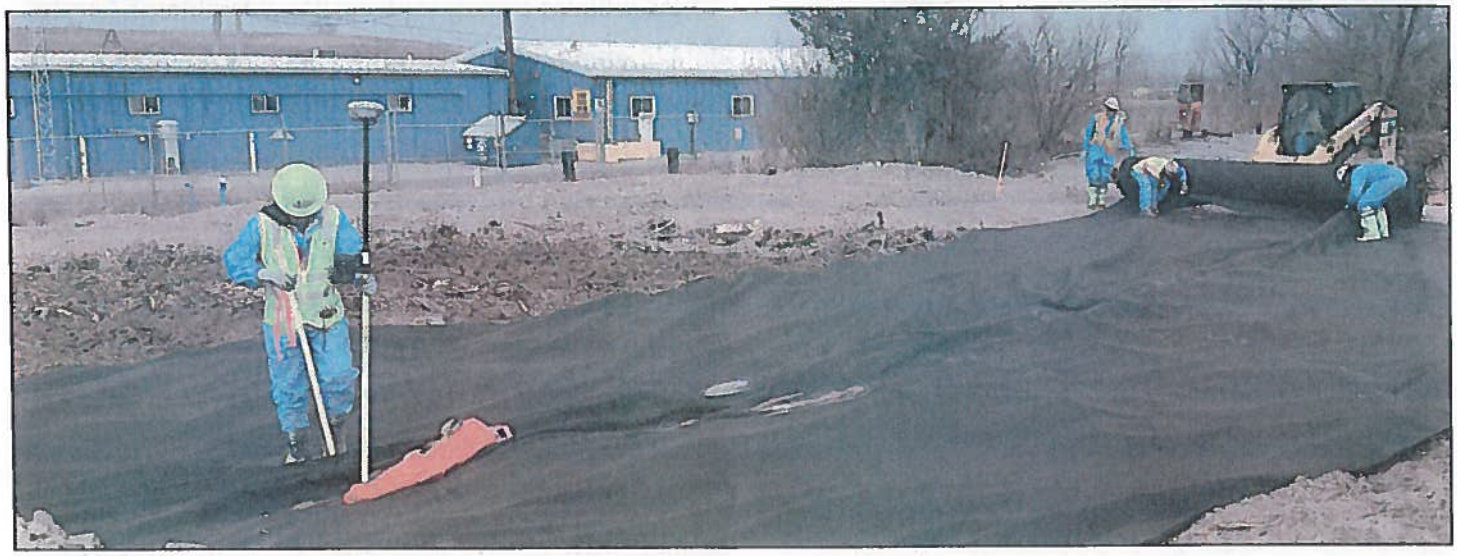


Surface Fire Mitigation Field Work Underway

In December 2015, EPA ordered the parties at the site to develop and implement measures to reduce the risk of surface fires at the West Lake Landfill, following a grass fire that occurred in an area that did not contain radiological contamination.

The field work for that order is now underway. EPA will have personnel on scene and conducting oversight throughout the process to ensure the work is done in accordance with approved plans.

The work planned at the site includes installation of a non-combustible cover over portions of Operable Unit 1 Areas 1 & 2 where radiologically-impacted material (RIM) is present at the surface. To accomplish this, contractors under EPA oversight will conduct an initial surface gamma survey around the perimeter of areas known to have RIM present at the surface, wet and then cut in place brush and vegetation in this area, install a geotextile cover, and then place at least 8 inches of rock on top of the geotextile cover.

Should the perimeter gamma surveys identify any additional RIM at the surface, the cover will be expanded to those areas. Air monitoring will take place to ensure that both on-site workers and the surrounding community are not exposed to radiological material as a result of the on-site work.

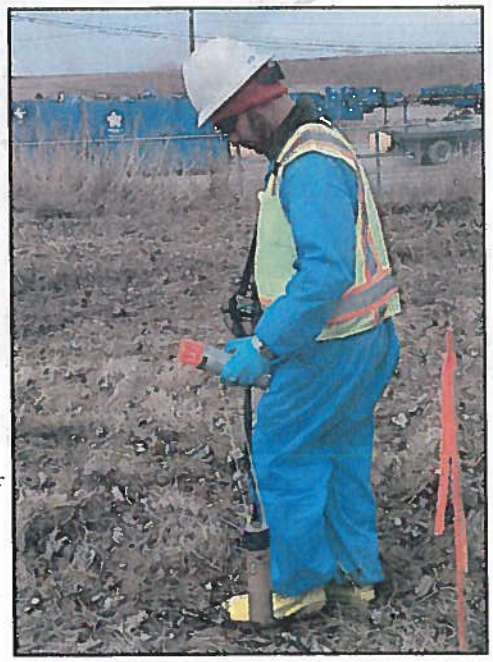
At the completion of the construction of the cover, confirmation surface soil samples will be collected along the perimeter to confirm that all areas of surface RIM have been covered by the geotextile and rocks.

The public can expect to see activity related to this work occurring over the next few months. We expect that the field work will be completed this spring.

The Unilateral Administrative Order and Enforcement Action Memorandum outlining this work are available on EPA's West Lake Landfill website:

www3.epa.gov/region07/cleanup/west_lake_landfill

EPA will post the approved work plan when it becomes available.



A health physicist, under EPA oversight, conducts a gamma scan at the West Lake Landfill in support of surface fire mitigation field work on Feb. 17, 2016.