

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Prompt Interim Response**

**Pool Doctor - Beaver Alkali Products, Rochester Borough, Beaver County**

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department), under the authority of the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (HSCA) (35 P.S. §§6020.101-6020.1305) has initiated a prompt interim response at the Pool Doctor - Beaver Alkali Products Site (Site) located at One Brewery Place, 25 New York Avenue, Rochester, Pennsylvania, 15074. This response has been initiated pursuant to Sections 501(a) and 505(b) of the HSCA (35 P.S. §§6020.501(a) and 6020-505(b)). The site is located Rochester Borough, Beaver County, PA.

The Site consists of many drums of unknown liquids and solids that are corroded and leaking. These drums were associated with a swimming pool chemical business and laboratory that operated out of the buildings located on the property. Currently, the buildings are in a state of dilapidation and disrepair. The roofs of two buildings where the drums are located are collapsing. One of the buildings almost completely collapsed the week of June 24, 2019, which is the reason for the Prompt Interim Response.

The threat to human health is the direct contact of the contamination to persons entering the area where the leaking drums are located and encountering the waste material that has leaked from the drums. The threat to the environment is the ongoing release of waste materials due to the continued worsening conditions of the buildings. The collapsed roofs allow rain and snow to enter the buildings causing release of the waste materials into the surrounding soils and potentially the Ohio River.

The Department considered two alternatives to address the threats at this Site: 1) no action and 2) remove and properly dispose of chemicals existing at the Site. Alternative number 2 was chosen because it complies with the applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements.

The buildings storing the chemicals will be demolished or otherwise made safe for entry into the structures. The chemicals within the buildings will be sampled and categorized for proper waste disposal. All chemicals and containers will be disposed of at a Department approved facility. Once all the chemicals have been removed and disposed of, the Department will return the Site to pre-existing conditions to the extent practical leaving it in a safe and acceptable condition.

Due to the collapse of one of the buildings, the Department initiated a prompt interim response and work began at the Site on July 1, 2019.

This notice is being provided pursuant to Section 506(b) of HSCA. The administrative record which contains the information that forms the basis and documents the selection of this response action is available for public review and comment. The administrative record is located at 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 and is available for review Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The administrative record will be open for comment until Friday, October 18, 2019. Persons may submit written comments into the record during this time only, by sending them to Terry Goodwald, Project Officer at Department of Environmental Protection, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or by delivering them to this office in person.

In addition, persons may present oral comments, for inclusion in the administrative record, at a public hearing. The Department has scheduled the hearing on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rochester Brough Municipal Building located at 350 Adams Street, Rochester, PA 15074. Persons wishing to present comments must register with Lauren Fraley at the Department's Southwest Regional Office in writing at 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or by telephone at 412.442.4203 before noon, September 4, 2019.

Persons with a disability who wish to attend the hearing and require auxiliary aid, service or other accommodations to participate in the proceedings, should call Lauren Fraley at 412.442.4203 or through the Pennsylvania AT & T Relay Service at 1-800-654-5984 (TDD) to discuss how the Department may accommodate their needs.

7/19/19