

Beloit Corporation Superfund Site Open Houses Scheduled

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA or Agency) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) are conducting the required five-year review of the Beloit Corporation Superfund site located in Rockton, Illinois. The review began on April 1, 2013, and is expected to be completed in September 2013. The five-year review includes data and document reviews and a site inspection, as well as, residential well sampling. The on-going site remedy for the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) found in a limited number of private water wells include a pump-and-treat system at the Beloit Corporation Facility to remove the contaminants, as well as, annual groundwater sampling conducted by the Illinois EPA.

This is the first scheduled five-year review to determine if the site still represents a threat to human health or the environment and to ensure the on-going cleanup is being effective in protecting people and remediating groundwater as intended. It also gives local community members the opportunity to voice their concerns regarding the Beloit Corporation Superfund site.

In addition to the residential well sampling and the distribution of questionnaires to property owners and local officials, the Illinois EPA is also **hosting two open houses at 3:00 and 6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 25th at the Rockton Township Hall**, 1315 Blackhawk Boulevard, Rockton, Illinois 61072 (Phone: 815.624.7788). Illinois EPA representatives will be available to answer your questions and address your concerns one-on-one. A formal presentation is not planned.

Once the review team compiles the information obtained from community interviews and information gathering sheets, it will develop a summary of their findings which will be available for public review at the Beloit Cooperation Information Repository located at the Talcott Free Library, 101 East Main Street, Rockton, Illinois 61072 (Phone: 815.624.7511) and at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in Springfield, Illinois.

Anyone wanting further information on the Beloit Corporation Superfund site, the five-year review process, or the open houses should contact Michelle Tebrugge, Illinois EPA Community Relations Coordinator, at 217.524.4825 or Michelle.Tebrugge@illinois.gov.