

Operable Unit 3 – Former Plant Site Area: Illinois EPA sent a third round of review comments on the Phase 2 remedial investigation report to the DePue Group on May 9, 2013. Illinois EPA anticipates receiving a revised report incorporating Illinois EPA and Village comments by July 22, 2013.

Operable Unit 4 – Off-Site Soils: On April 3, Illinois EPA submitted another round of review comments to the DePue Group on the Design Study to address contamination within the Village. Most issues have been resolved; however, significant issues remain, including the remediation objectives for arsenic and lead in soil. Illinois EPA is considering revising its remediation objective for lead, based on the revised reference blood level of 5 micrograms per deciliter (previously 10 ug/dL) recently established by the Centers for Disease Control. Illinois EPA anticipates additional guidance regarding lead risk assessment and remediation objectives may be available from Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in the fall.

Operable Unit 5 – Lake DePue: Illinois EPA and the DePue Group are working to resolve final issues associated with the human health and ecological risk assessments. Resolution of the human health risk assessment may be delayed until guidance is received from USEPA on how to incorporate new risk assessment information about lead.

Interim Consent Order: The DePue Group has requested time extensions in submittal of some responses to comments, but has complied with the schedule thus far. Due to the extended time it has taken to resolve some issues, the schedule may be revised to more accurately reflect the current status of each operable unit.

Community Outreach: Illinois EPA continues to attend the Community Advisory Group (CAG) meetings, which are generally held every six weeks. The next CAG meeting is scheduled for May 29th. Illinois EPA is also in the process of scheduling another meeting with the local Hispanic community, possibly for mid-June.

Illinois EPA anticipates providing the next update in August. Please feel free to contact Illinois EPA at any time with any questions or concerns you may have. You may reach me at 217-785-2891 or at Charlene.Falco@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,



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