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SUBJECT: One Public Comment Received on Proposed Direct Final Deletion of the Scrap Processing Co., Inc. Superfund Site, Medford, Wisconsin, July 27, 2020 (85 FR 45107)

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EPA-HQ-SFUND-2005-0011

This Memorandum addresses the single, on-line public comment that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received during the 30-day public comment period for EPA's proposed direct final deletion of the Scrap Processing Co., Inc. Superfund Site (Site) in Medford, Wisconsin, from the National Priorities List (see attachment).

EPA published the proposed Site deletion with a request for public comment in the *Federal Register* on July 27, 2020 (85 FR 45157). EPA concurrently issued a press release announcing the proposed partial Site deletion and a 30-day public comment period on July 27, 2020 and placed an advertisement of the proposed Site deletion and 30-day public comment period in a local newspaper, the *Medford Star News*, on July 30, 2020.

EPA received only one comment during the comment period. Upon review of the comment, and in consultation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, EPA finds that the comment is not related to the rule-making nor is it Site-specific or adverse to the proposed deletion. Therefore, EPA Region 5 is proceeding with the deletion of the Site.

A copy of this Memorandum and the attached public comment is being placed in the Deletion Docket for the Site, which is available at <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-SFUND-2005-0011-0096> and on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/scrap-processing>.

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Comment on EPA-HQ-SFUND-2005-0011-0171

Submitter Information

General Comment

Dear Andrew Wheeler,

I really appreciate the EPA's policy that "all comments received will be included in the public docket without change." This is very reassuring -- I sincerely mean it.

The Union of Concerned Scientists has described your position on double-blind studies as "breathhtakingly ignorant." But hey, let's move on. You have said that climate change isn't a top priority for the EPA because "most of the threats from climate change are 50 to 75 years out." So first off you're wrong. Heatwaves, drought, wildfires, and increased coastal flooding and hurricane intensity are happening now. This very day a category 4 hurricane Laura is going to slam into the Texas and Louisiana coasts with 145 mph winds. Tell the evacuees and victims that they don't need to worry for another 50 years.

And second, I guess if your house was 50 feet from a river whose banks eroded one foot per year, you'd ignore it until year 48 when the house started leaning.