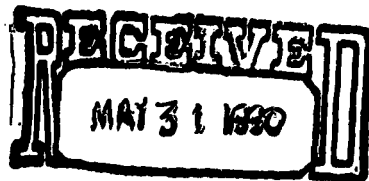
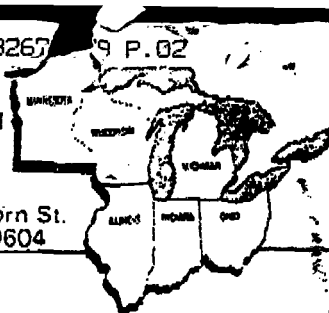


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EPA SEEKS COMMENTS ON MOSS-AMERICAN STUDY; PUBLIC MEETING JUNE 21

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 is seeking public comments on proposed alternatives to deal with ground-water, sediment, and soil contamination at the Moss-American Superfund site, Milwaukee, WI.

EPA's recommended alternative for the site includes rerouting the Little Menomonee River, treating highly contaminated sediment and soil in a slurry bioreactor (a large tank of water containing bacteria that feed on organic contaminants attached to sediment), covering remaining contaminated sediment and soil, treating contaminated ground water, and using on-site treatment and disposal of the northeast landfill soil. This alternative will significantly reduce risks at the site and will protect human health and the environment.

EPA's feasibility study evaluated six other alternatives, in addition to EPA's recommended alternative:

- no action;
- reroute the Little Menomonee River, cover contaminated sediment and soil, treat contaminated ground water, and use off-site treatment and disposal of northeast landfill soil;
- reroute the Little Menomonee River, treat highly contaminated sediment and soil in land treatment beds, cover contaminated soil and sediment, treat contaminated ground water, and use on-site treatment and disposal of northeast landfill soil;

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- maintain existing river alignment, treat contaminated sediment with slurry bioreactors, cover contaminated soil and treated sediment, treat contaminated ground water, and use on-site treatment and disposal of northeast landfill soil;
- maintain existing river alignment, treat contaminated sediment and soil using slurry bioreactors, cover remaining contaminated soil and treated material, treat contaminated ground water, and use on-site treatment and disposal of northeast landfill soil; and
- maintain existing river alignment, remove and incinerate all contaminated soil and sediment, and cover treated materials on site with soil.

Written comments on EPA's feasibility study and proposed plan will be accepted from June 4 to July 5, 1990. They should be sent to Susan Pastor, 5PA-14, Office of Public Affairs, U.S. EPA Region 5, 230 South Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60604.

Oral and written comments may also be submitted at a 7 p.m. public meeting June 21, 1990, at the Vincent High School Cafeteria, 7501 North Granville Rd., Milwaukee.

After the comment period, EPA will sign a record of decision, outlining the cleanup methods. The document will also include responses to public comments.

Copies of site-related documents are available for review at:

Mill Road Library
6431 North 76th St.
Milwaukee, WI

An administrative record, which contains additional information on the site, will also be placed in the Mill Road Library.

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