

FACT SHEET



**57TH and North Broadway Site
Wichita, Kansas**

May 1999

May Update

Introduction

The 57th and North Broadway Superfund site Community Advisory Group (CAG) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 are meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 1999, at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Health Department, in the library. The Wichita-Sedgwick County Health Department is located at 1900 E. Ninth Street, Wichita, Kansas. This meeting is open to the public.

EPA will be conducting additional well sampling in the Riverview area the week of May 3, 1999. The purpose of the sampling is to better define the plume. The sampling effort will consist of sampling wells in 20 additional homes adjacent to the plume and buffer zone, sampling nine additional geoprobe locations, and sampling five existing Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) wells. Four additional monitoring wells will also be installed and sampled. A Riverview map showing sampling locations is attached.

Once the additional sampling results are known, EPA will determine if additional action is warranted. This information will be useful in optimizing the design of the treatment system which is to be installed beginning this summer.

Riverview Area -- Update

EPA has received the results from the most recent sampling effort done in March 1999 in the Riverview area. This sampling was a follow-up to the sampling done by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Health Department earlier this year. With the assistance of the Health Department, six geoprobe locations were sampled at shallow and deep levels. One existing monitoring well and four residential tap samples were also taken.

In general the plume boundaries were found to be relatively stable with some minor fluctuations at the new locations. No residential well sampled exceeded acceptable water quality standards for chemical contamination; however, one well equaled the standard for vinyl chloride at two parts per billion (ppb). The remaining residential well sample results were nondetect for vinyl chloride.

As a result of this sampling effort, EPA will provide public water connections to the one house which had levels of vinyl chloride contamination to the Maximum Containment Level (MCL) and for the two houses adjacent to it. Three houses in all will be offered connection to the Wichita public water system.

Site Wide -- Update

EPA is completing the revisions to the Feasibility Study (FS) in response to comments by KDHE. It is anticipated that the final FS will be completed by the middle of May with the proposed plan and public comment period starting in June. Upon completion of the comment period the Record of Decision will be finalized. EPA will then begin negotiations with the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) for completion of the response actions at the site. There is a mandatory period of negotiating with the PRPs for up to 120 days. EPA will continue to meet with the CAG during these activities.

Additional Information

If you know someone who is interested in receiving these monthly updates, but are not currently receiving them, please contact us so we can add them to the mailing list. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact:

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