

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

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TO: Petroleum Site Cleanup Pullman Industries Site- Administrative Record File

FROM: Ronald Smedley, Project Manager and David Harn, District Project Manager

DATE: July 26, 2017

SUBJECT: Final Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives Decision Memo

This memo will serve as the approval for the final Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) for the Michigan Petroleum Brownfield Cleanup project at the former Pullman Industries site in Bloomingdale Township, Michigan. The ABCA was revised to reflect the site conditions as of July 25, 2017. The ABCA was developed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Remediation and Redevelopment Division, which is overseeing the remediation at the site. The ABCA is located within the Administrative Record which is held in two public locations, the Bloomingdale Township Hall and the MDEQ Kalamazoo District office.

The draft final ABCA was published to the DEQ's website and was discussed at the Bloomingdale Township Board Meeting on June 21, 2017. Notice of the draft final ABCA and the Administrative Record were published in the MDEQ Calendar on June 26, 2017, July 10, 2017, and July 24, 2017. Final notification of the end of the public comment period was published in the local paper, the Courier-Leader on July 21, 2017. During the 30-day public comment period, commencing on June 26, 2017 and ending on July 25, 2017, there were no written or verbal comments received from the public regarding the final ABCA or the project.

Comments from the public during the board meeting on June 21, 2017 involved only the previous uses of the site as a refinery and the potential redevelopment of the site. The MDEQ project manager addressed the previous ownership issues and liability for the petroleum and provided information regarding the current ownership of the site as the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority, and their agreement with Van Buren County on eventual disposition after the remediation activities were completed.

Remedial alternatives described in the ABCA were evaluated based on effectiveness, implementation, cost, the stated cleanup objectives, and public comments. Based on evaluation of all the above factors, the MDEQ has decided to proceed with Option 3 - Off-site Disposal of Contaminated Soil, Groundwater Treatment, and Site Restoration. Option 3 was selected as it meets each of the cleanup objectives, is relatively easy to implement, will mitigate risks to human health and the environment, will provide a long term cleanup response, and fits within the available project funding. The ABCA describes the specific activities to be conducted at the site and is supported with detailed plans and specifications developed by the MDEQ's contractors.

The Township Board is in favor of the selected alternative and has expressed their gratitude to the EPA, MDEQ, and their contractors.

*Ronald L. Smedley*

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