

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### DEQ PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE ON THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY MIDLAND AREA SOILS CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT May 6, 2016

On January 11, 2016, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection (OWMRP), received a Revised Corrective Action Report, Midland Area Soils (Report) from The Dow Chemical Company, Michigan Operations, Midland Plant (Dow), located at 1790 Building, Midland, Michigan 48674. The Report is made up of three parts: Part I - Remedial Investigation Work Plan; Part II - Remedial Investigation Report; and Part III - Remedial Action Plan, for cleanup of soil contaminated by airborne emissions from Dow's historic waste management practices and was submitted as part of corrective action work required under the Hazardous Waste Management Facility Operating License reissued to Dow by the DEQ on September 25, 2015, pursuant to Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451), and the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

The Report was also submitted pursuant to the Interim Response Activity Plan Designed to Meet Criteria, Midland Area Soils, which was approved by the DEQ on June 1, 2012, and included: (1) a proposed Midland site-specific dioxin "action level" of 250 parts per trillion for soil; (2) a soil sampling design plan for the affected properties; (3) a description of the process to be used to trigger cleanup on individual properties; (4) a description of cleanup activities to be taken and process to address deferred cleanups; and (5) a schedule for the proposed work that is expected to take from 2012 through 2017.

Parts I and II of the Report include specific details regarding the characterization of the site, including nature of the release and extent of contamination and affected media. Part III of the Report includes the following elements: (1) An overview of the remedial activities that were conducted beginning in 2012; (2) A summary of the implementation details; (3) Documentation of the completion of remedial actions; (4) Documentation of on-going response activities relevant for Midland area soils; (5) Identification of the remedy that was implemented to mitigate risk for current land use, (6) A description of the completion of the remedy; (7) The process for completion of sampling and remedy where they have been deferred or where land use has changed to residential or residential-like, and (8) Monitoring and mechanisms to ensure that changes in the future will not compromise the long-term effectiveness of the remedy.

The DEQ invites public comment on the Report. **A public open house will be held on Monday, June 6, 2016, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, 1710 West St. Andrews Street, Midland, Michigan.** The purpose of the open house is to allow interested persons to submit written comments, and for DEQ and Dow to answer questions, regarding the Report. In addition, the public may submit written comments to the DEQ during the public comment period, which begins on Friday, May 6, 2016, and ends on Monday, June 20, 2016.

The Report is available for review at the Reference Desk of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, 1710 West St. Andrews Street, Midland, Michigan, and the DEQ, Saginaw Bay District Office, 401 Ketchum Street, Suite B, Bay City, Michigan (contact Ms. Trisha Confer at 989-225-7968). The Report and related materials are also available at the DEQ, OWMRP, Constitution Hall, Atrium North, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan (contact Mr. Al Taylor at 517-614-7335) and at <http://www.michigan.gov/deqdioxin> under "Midland Area Soil Cleanup". Copies of the documents may be obtained for the cost of reproduction by sending your request to Mr. Al Taylor at the mailing address at the end of this notice.

All comments submitted on the Report must be e-mailed or postmarked by June 20, 2016. Before issuing a final decision on the Report, the DEQ will evaluate all comments received. The final decision on the Report will be communicated to all persons who submit written comments and/or are on the Dow facility mailing list. The DEQ will respond to all significant comments and explain any changes that are made to the Report. To receive future DEQ notifications concerning this facility, please submit a written request for placement on the Dow facility mailing list. Requests, comments, or questions regarding the Report should be addressed to:

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