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Attached is the DEQ's public comment responsiveness summary related to Pall Life Sciences (PLS) Proposal, discussed in earlier updates. This document will also be posted on the DEQ web site, in the Public Comments section. The DEQ has denied the PLS Proposal.

The DEQ's letter responding to the PLS Proposal is available on the DEQ's Gelman web site (under Selected Documents), along with additional documents.

Click on the following link:

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3311\\_4109\\_9846\\_9847-71595--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3311_4109_9846_9847-71595--,00.html)

or enter <http://www.michigan.gov/deqrrd>, then scroll to "Contaminated Sites List" and click on "Gelman Sciences, Inc. Site of Contamination".

Documents related to the Gelman site can also be reviewed at the Gelman Information Repositories, listed below. Please be aware that paper copies of documents are no longer being sent to these locations, unless they are not available in digital format. These documents are available for review at the DEQ's Jackson District Office, by appointment. The Ann Arbor Public Library has indicated it intends to print all of the documents for their Gelman repository.

Ann Arbor District Library  
Downtown Library  
343 South Fifth Avenue  
734-327-4200

Scio Township Hall  
827 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor  
734-665-2123

City of Ann Arbor Water Utilities Department  
100 North Fifth Avenue  
Contact: Venita Harrison 734-994-8286

Washtenaw County Department of Planning  
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705 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor  
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Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to be removed from or added to this distribution list.

On June 19, July 3, July 24, August 7, August 21 and September 4 the offices of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) will be closed due to a state government furlough.

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**Department of Environmental Quality  
Public Comment Responsiveness Summary, June 17, 2009  
Comprehensive Proposal to Modify Cleanup Program  
Pall Life Sciences, May 4, 2009  
Gelman Sciences Site of Environmental Contamination**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received the following comments during the public comment period from May 11, 2009 through June 8, 2009:

- 15 verbal comments from individuals at the May 27 public meeting
- 31 written comments from individuals
- City of Ann Arbor (verbal only)
- Village of Barton Hills (verbal only)
- Ann Arbor Township (verbal only)
- Washtenaw County
- Senator Liz Brater (verbal only)
- Ryan Sebolt for Representative Pam Byrnes (verbal only)
- Scio Residents for Safe Water (SRSW)
- Protect Our Neighborhoods (PON)
- Coalition for Action on Remediation of Dioxane (CARD)

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staff also attended a public meeting on May 20, 2009, sponsored by CARD.

All of the public comments received are available for review at the Jackson District Office, by appointment (see contact information below).

All of the public comments urged the DEQ to deny the proposal. Most of the public comments were general in nature. Comments of a more technical nature were received from Washtenaw County, the CARD, and SRSW.

Due to the short review time available to the DEQ, as required by a court ordered schedule, the DEQ was not able to prepare this responsiveness summary prior to responding to the Pall Life Sciences (PLS) Proposal on June 15, 2009. However, the DEQ did review the public comments prior to responding to PLS. The DEQ denied the PLS Proposal. The DEQ's June 15, 2009 response addresses many of the concerns raised during the public comment period, including the technical concerns raised by the above-mentioned entities.

The DEQ's response also included suggested actions and contingencies that PLS could incorporate in a revised submittal. As the DEQ explained at the DEQ's public meeting, Part 201, Environmental Remediation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), does allow PLS to revise its remedial approach pursuant to amendments to the NREPA in 1995.

The DEQ expects that some of the outstanding issues between PLS and the DEQ will be addressed by the Washtenaw County Circuit Court. The DEQ will continue to keep the public updated as this process evolves, through the DEQ Gelman Sciences web site, e-mail to the DEQ's Gelman distribution list, and meetings with various stakeholders.

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