

Request for Comments

DEQ Proposes to Construct Containment System for Contaminated Groundwater at Arkema, Inc.

COMMENTS DUE: 5 p.m. April 8, 2009

PROJECT LOCATION: 6400 N.W. Front Avenue, Portland, Oregon. The site is located on the west bank of the Willamette River upstream of the railroad bridge at river mile seven and is adjacent to the Portland Harbor Superfund site.

PROPOSAL: The DEQ proposed remedy requires Arkema, Inc. to construct a groundwater containment system consisting of a grout slurry wall, groundwater extraction and treatment system to prevent the discharge of chemicals in groundwater to the Willamette River. The proposed slurry wall will be constructed about 30 feet inland from the top of the riverbank. The wall will be about 1,800 feet long and extend from ground surface to bedrock 50 to 80 feet below ground.

Groundwater will be pumped from extraction wells behind the wall and treated to remove chemicals before discharge to the Willamette River under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit which will be the subject of a future public notice.

HIGHLIGHTS: Historical manufacturing operations at the site began in 1941 and ceased in 2001. Various chemicals were produced at the facility. The primary groundwater chemicals of concern are chlorobenzene, DDT and isomers, hexavalent chromium, perchlorate, chloride, chloroform and dibenzofurans.

HOW TO COMMENT: For a summary of the proposed action go to <http://www.deq.state.or.us/nwr/permits/Arkema-GW-SourceControlMeasure-PH.pdf> You also can call Dawn Weinberger at (503) 229-6729 to schedule an appointment to review the proposed action and related documents at the DEQ Northwest Region office, 2020 SW Fourth Ave., Suite 400, Portland, OR 97201. Send written comments by 5 p.m, April 8, 2009, to DEQ Project Manager Matt McClincy, at the address above or by e-mail to mcclincy.matt@deq.state.or.us. Contact McClincy at (503) 229-5538. DEQ will hold a public meeting to receive verbal comments if ten or more people, or by a group having ten or more members, request a meeting.

THE NEXT STEP: DEQ will consider all public comments received by the date and time stated above, before making a final decision regarding the proposed groundwater containment system. In the absence of comments, DEQ will proceed with design and construction.

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