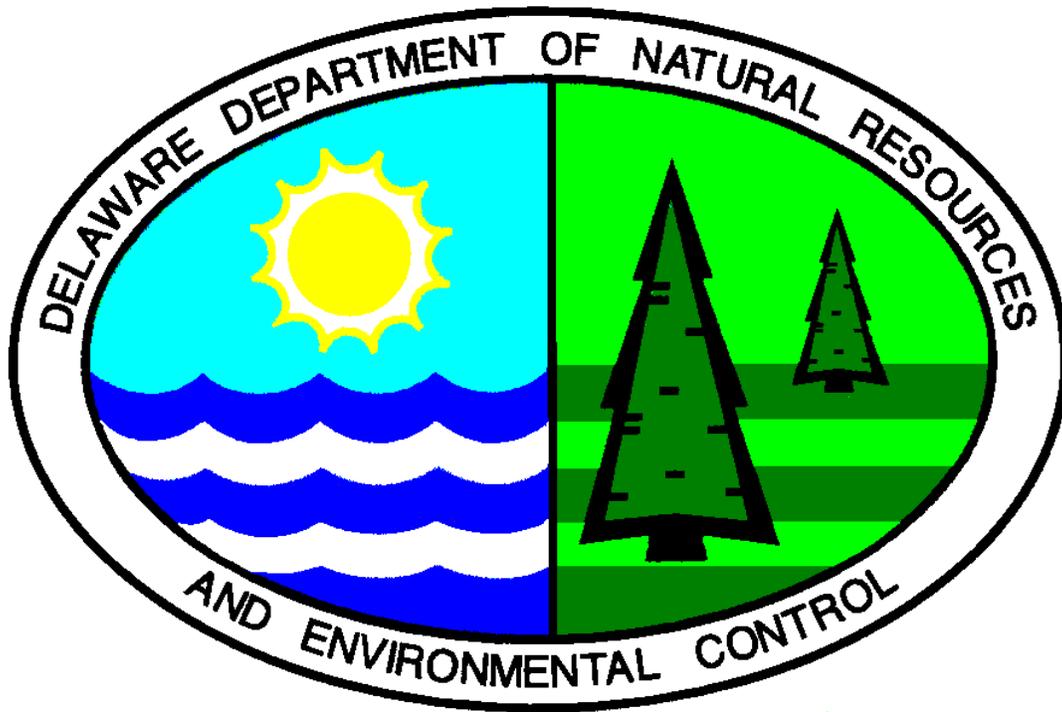


# PROPOSED PLAN OF REMEDIAL ACTION



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## I INTRODUCTION

As part of the redevelopment of the Christina River riverfront area in Wilmington, Delaware traffic improvements are underway on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard project. This proposed Plan of Remedial Action covers environmental contaminants at the Project.

Because of past industrial uses in the Wilmington area, the subsurface soils have been impacted by a variety of industrial residues including petroleum hydrocarbons and other organic compounds and metals. The Delaware Department of Transportation entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's Site Investigation and Restoration Branch (Department or DNREC-SIRB). The purposes of the VCP Agreement were to:

1. Identify potential sources of contamination within the improvement area, and
2. Develop remedial alternatives for the detected contamination that would protect human health and the environment during and after construction.

To accomplish these purposes EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc. was contracted by the Riverfront Development Corporation (RDC) to perform a remedial investigation that included soil drilling, sampling and analysis in and along the planned improvements to characterize the existing levels of contaminants from past industrial practices. The collection and analysis of these soil samples was performed in accordance with the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Act (HSCA), the Delaware Regulations Governing Hazardous Substance Cleanup (Regulations), Delaware Standard Operating Procedures for Chemical Analytical Programs (SOPCAP), guidance documents, and other Department policies and procedures.

## II PURPOSE

This document is the Department's Proposed Plan of Remedial Action for the site. It is based on the technical reports of sampling, the Interim Action remedial measure, and the Regulations. The Proposed Plan presents the Department's assessment of human health and environmental risks associated with the site.

The Department provides public notice and opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan of Remedial Action in accordance with Section 12 of the Regulations. At the conclusion of the comment period, the Department will review and consider of the comments received and will issue the Final Plan of Remedial Action which designates the remedial action and the selected procedures and stipulations concerning future activities within the site. This Proposed Plan of Remedial Action, the comments received from the public, the Department's response to the comments, the drafted Final Plan of Remedial Action, and all of the documents which formed the basis for the Proposed and Final Plans of Remedial Action will constitute the "Remedial Decision Record."

### III SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

#### *Site Location*

The project area is located in the South Wilmington area of New Castle County. The project is between the eastbound lanes of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and West Street to Shipley Street.

The project is approximately 0.4 miles south-southwest of downtown Wilmington. The immediate surrounding area is a mixture of commercial, industrial, and residential properties.

#### *Site History*

The project area was historically comprised of commercial and residential properties. Parking lots, vacant land, and road surface now occupy the area.

### IV INVESTIGATION RESULTS

The findings of the Remedial Investigation (RI) showed that defined areas of soil were impacted above the DNREC-SIRB Uniform Risk Based Remediation Standards (URS) for unrestricted use surface and subsurface soil. The contaminants included metals (particularly lead and arsenic) and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH).

An Interim Remedial Action was performed to remove all impacted soil from the site that exhibited contaminant concentrations over the DNRC-SIRB URS for unrestricted use surface and subsurface soil.

The information gathered during the RI was used to develop this Proposed Plan of Remedial Action.

### V REMEDIAL ACTION OBJECTIVES

According to HSCA regulation 8.4(1), remedial action objectives must be established during a remedial investigation. They were designed based on the following factors:

- The site is currently a road and parking areas.
- The future site use is to be a road and parking.
- The media has been impacted by PAHs, and metals.
- The primary exposure pathways are air inhalation, direct contact and incidental ingestion with/of impacted soil.
- The impacted soil as been removed through an Interim Remedial Measure.

### *Qualitative Remedial Objectives*

Based on the above factors, the following qualitative remedial action objectives were developed:

- Control potential human contact (dermal and ingestion) with contaminated soil.

### *Quantitative Remedial Objectives*

Based on the above qualitative remedial action objective, the following quantitative remedial action objectives were developed:

- Prevent human contact with soil having an arsenic concentration greater than 60 mg/Kg.
- Prevent human contact with soil having a lead concentration greater than 400 mg/Kg.
- Prevent human contact with soil having a PAH concentration greater than individual PAH compound URS concentrations.

## VI PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

The proposed remedial actions were based upon the Remedial Action Objectives.

### *Potential Remedial Alternatives*

Since all impacted soil has been removed from the site during the Interim Remedial Measure, no further remedial action is being considered.

## VII PROPOSED PLAN OF REMEDIAL ACTION

Based on the information and results of the Interim Action performed at the site, the DNREC-SIRB recommends no further action. Since the impacted soil exhibiting contaminant concentrations above the URS standards has been removed, no unacceptable risk to public health or the environment remains.

## VIII PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Department actively solicits public comments or suggestions on the Proposed Plan of Remedial Action and welcomes opportunities to answer questions. Please direct written comments to:

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Or call (302) 395-2600. The public comment period for this proposed plan of Remedial Action begins May 17, 2000 and ends at the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on June 6, 2000. If so requested, a public hearing on the Proposed Plan will be held. The meeting time and place will be announced if a public hearing is requested.

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