

**HAZARDOUS SITES CLEAN-UP
UNDER THE ACT OF OCTOBER 18, 1988**

NOTICE OF PROPOSED INTERIM RESPONSE

MIDFIELD VOCs HSCA SITE, HORSHAM TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department), under the authority of the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (HSCA) (35 P.S. §§6020.102-6020.1303), is proposing an interim response at the Midfield VOCs HSCA Site (Site) in Horsham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The Site is located along portions of Midfield Drive, Park Road, and Davis Grove Road in Horsham Township.

Residential well supplies in the Site area have been impacted by one or more volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Certain well supplies in the Site area sampled by the Department have been found to contain concentrations of one or more of the following VOCs above their respective maximum contaminant levels (MCLs): 1,1-Dichloroethylene, (1,1-DCE); 1,2-Dichloroethane (1,2-DCA); tetrachloroethylene (PCE). As a temporary measure, the Department has been providing bottled water to residents with contaminants in their well water above MCLs.

In order to alleviate threats to human health posed by these contaminants, the Department has developed an Analysis of Alternatives, and proposes to implement a response action at the Site under Sections 501(a) of HSCA, 35 P.S. § 6020.501(a). Alternatives considered include:

- 1) No Further Action
- 2) Continued Delivery of Bottled Water (for a 1-year period) with Restrictions on the Use of Groundwater
- 3) Installation and Maintenance of Whole-House Filtration Systems with Restrictions on the Use of Groundwater
- 4) Extension of an Existing Public Water Line, with Restrictions on the Use of Groundwater

The Department hereby proposes Alternative 4, the extension of an existing public water line. This would include the extension of nearby mains, and construction of laterals to connect homes to the public water supply. This proposed alternative complies with Applicable, Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs) and is feasible and cost-effective due to the very close proximity of existing public water service. The water line would aim to serve both currently affected properties, as well as properties with the likelihood to become contaminated if groundwater pumping conditions were altered.

This notice is being provided pursuant to Section 506(b) of HSCA, 35 P.S. § 6020.506(b) An Administrative Record, which contains more detailed information concerning this proposed response action, is available for public inspection. The Administrative Record may be examined from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Department's office at 2 East Main Street, Norristown PA 19401. Those interested in examining the Administrative Record should contact Carly Baker at (484)

250-5730 to arrange for an appointment. Additional copies of the Administrative Record are available for review at the Horsham Township Library, 435 Babylon Road, Horsham, PA 19044.

The administrative record will be open for comment from February 22, 2014 until May 24, 2014. Members of the public may submit written comments into the record during this time only, by sending them to Carly Baker at the Southeast Regional Office of the PADEP, 2 East Main Street, Norristown PA 19401, or via email to carlbaker@pa.gov.

In addition, persons may present oral comments, for inclusion in the administrative record, at a public hearing. The Department has scheduled the hearing to take place on April 7, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Horsham Township Community Center, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA 19044. Anyone who would like to present formal oral comments regarding this proposed response may do so by calling DEP Community Relations Coordinator Lynda Rebarchak at (484) 250-5820 to register.

Individuals with a disability who wish to attend the hearing and require auxiliary aid, service or other accommodations to participate in the proceedings, should call Lynda Rebarchak at (484) 250-5820 or through the Pennsylvania AT & T Relay Service at 1-800-654-5984 (TDD) to discuss how the Department may accommodate their needs.