



U.S. EPA TO BEGIN WORK IN THE VICINITY OF PARK AVENUE AND POHATCONG STREET

Community Update

August 2014

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Park Avenue will become one-way off of RT. 31 intermittently for approximately one month.

Thru-traffic will be restored AFTER 6PM, but **no overnight street parking** will still be in effect.

NO PARKING signs and detour directions will be posted on Park Avenue.

Residents are requested to use Youmans Avenue when leaving Park Avenue.

THIS WORK WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON YOUR DRINKING WATER, WHICH COMES FROM PUBLIC SUPPLY WELLS.

EPA will make every effort to minimize impacts as much as possible.

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CLEANUP ACTIVITY

This Community Update details EPA's planned cleanup activities for the Operable Unit 1 (OU1) portion of the **Pohatcong Valley Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site**.

EPA plans to construct a groundwater pump and treat system that will treat groundwater contaminated primarily with the volatile organic compound perchloroethylene (PCE). The plant will be located in the rear parking lot of the Park Hill apartments. The project will be completed in phases over the course of approximately one year. The first phase will run from September through November 2014 and will include the installation of extraction and injection wells, the provision for 21 new parking spots for the residents of Park Hill apartments, and the construction of the treatment facility.

During Phase 1, street parking on Park Avenue will be occasionally restricted, and traffic on Park Avenue off of Route 31 will be one-way for local residents only. Park Avenue will be accessible to residents after the hours of 6pm. Street parking will not be permitted overnight while the wells are being installed. 'No Parking' signs as well as detour directions will be posted on Park Avenue. EPA expects this work to last four to six weeks.

EPA understands that the first phase of this project will cause disruption and general inconvenience to the Park Avenue residents and wants to work with the community to provide the information needed to minimize impacts as much as possible.

Contact information is provided in the shaded box to the left, and the community is encouraged to call with any questions or concerns before and during the work.

SITE BACKGROUND

EPA included the Site on the National Priorities List (NPL) in March 1989, to address chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs), specifically trichloroethylene (TCE) and perchloroethylene (PCE), which were detected in groundwater from two public potable-water supply wells in Washington Borough in the late 1970s. Corrective actions were taken at these public potable supply wells and homes and businesses within the contaminated area of Washington Township were connected to a public drinking water supply in 1989. Because of its size and complexity, EPA has divided the Site into three Operable Units (OUs).

SUMMARY OF WORK PHASES

The construction of the treatment building (located behind the Park Hill Apts.) will last for approximately one year and is being considered as part of **Phase 1**.

Phase 2

EPA expects to return to the site in March of 2015 for Phase 2 of the project. This phase consists of installing extraction wells on Park Ave. as well as installing pipes on both Park Ave. and Pohatcong St. EPA will provide another update before Phase 2 begins in order to provide details of the work to be done, and information about how it may affect your neighborhood. EPA expects this phase of work to take about four to five months.

Phase 3

Phase 3 is scheduled to begin in July/August 2015 and should last about four to six weeks. During that time, EPA and its contractors will repair the roads and complete any final site work.

MAP OF STREET CLOSURES AND DETOURS DURING CONSTRUCTION

