



REGION 5

CHICAGO, IL 60604

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Ms. Gwen Saliars
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Re: Notification of Five-Year Review Start for the Better Brite Plating Company Chrome and Zinc Shops Superfund Site, De Pere, Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Saliars:

This letter is to notify you of the start of the five-year review (FYR) period for the Better Brite Plating Company Chrome and Zinc Shops Superfund Site, De Pere, Wisconsin.

EPA will be conducting a statutory FYR for the site as required by Section 121 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). The purpose of the review is to evaluate the remedy implemented at the site and determine if the remedy remains protective of human health and the environment.

The FYR for the site is due by November 18, 2024. EPA is providing the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) with notification so the agencies can begin the necessary coordination activities. In accordance with EPA's "Region 5 Superfund Five-Year Review Process Improvements" memorandum, EPA and WDNR should conduct a site inspection before May 22, 2024, and the draft FYR Report will be shared for WDNR review no later than July 21, 2024.

In addition, EPA will be scheduling a scoping meeting prior to February 17, 2023, to discuss the following issues and recommendations that were identified in the last FYR:

Issue: A review of the ICs is needed to ensure that the remedy continues to function as intended and that effective procedures are in place for long-term stewardship of the Better Brite Site.

Recommendation: Prepare and implement an ICIAP or equivalent document to ensure long-term stewardship.

Issue: Concern about effectiveness of stabilization treatment and off-site migration of the hexavalent chromium contaminated groundwater at the Chrome Shop.

Recommendation: Further evaluate the effectiveness of the soil stabilization and the potential for off-site migration of hexavalent chromium contaminated groundwater at the Chrome Shop.

Issue: PFOA/PFOS have not been evaluated as potential contaminants of concern.

Recommendation: Determine if PFOA/PFOS are potential contaminants of concern and whether further investigation is necessary to characterize the contaminants.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the FYR for this site further, please feel free to contact me at (312) 886-6707 or friedman.sarah@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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