

Neighborhood Update

Madison Kipp Corporation Investigation & Cleanup
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)



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To keep the neighborhood well advised of progress in the investigation and cleanup at the Madison Kipp Corporation Property, DNR will release updates directly to neighbors through the DNR's website (dnr.wi.gov, search: "Kipp") and through this e-newsletter system. DNR will make efforts to notify property owners and tenants, in advance, when specific data is released that references their property or an adjacent location.

DNR issues Notice of Violation to Madison Kipp Corporation for PCB contamination

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MADISON – Today the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to the Madison Kipp Corporation for its failure to properly report PCB contamination and other issues at its East-side manufacturing facility.

[Click here](#) to read the Notice of Violation.

The PCB contamination was discovered in February and March by Kipp contractors when excavating soil to install a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system. The SVE system is part of an interim action approved by DNR to help remove vapor from soils in and around the Kipp plant related to other contamination on the property.

[Click here](#) to read a letter to Madison Kipp Corporation, regarding the PCB contamination.

The NOV alleges Kipp did not immediately report the PCB contamination to the department or take the actions necessary to restore the environment to the extent practicable and minimize the harmful effects from the discharge to the air, lands or waters of the state as required by law.

In late March, 2012 Kipp's contractor sent an email to DNR's project manager about discovering the soil contamination, noting that soils contaminated with PCBs were found as part of the SVE installation. The contaminated soil was found along the facility's eastern property line. That same day, the DNR project manager sent a request to Kipp asking for clarification about the soil removal, including a request for information about how much soil was removed, what testing occurred and what soil had been re-buried on site. The DNR requested

Kipp submit a written report as soon as possible about the soil removal and disposal.

Following standard procedure, DNR sent a Responsible Party letter to Kipp on April 19, 2012 and has made additional requests for documentation and information. The stockpiled soil was reportedly removed on April 11, 2012 and shipped to a disposal facility in Michigan.

According to a DNR letter sent jointly with the NOV, Kipp was aware of historic use of PCBs by the company on the property.

“Unbeknownst to the State, those reports discuss the historic use of spent oil, potentially contaminated with PCBs, as a dust suppressant at your property. The Phase I ESA information indicates MKC knew of the potential for PCB contamination on-site since 2006, and made no efforts to inform the State or the public,” the DNR letter stated.

The department has not made a decision on further enforcement action but the most recently alleged violations could be included with ongoing legal action. In late 2011, the department referred Kipp to Justice for enforcement regarding chlorinated solvent contamination at the property.

Additional Resources

Where Can I Find More Information?

- Website:** dnr.wi.gov: Search “Kipp”
- Public Document Repository:** Hawthorne Public Library Information Desk
For hours and contact information visit
www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/hawthorne, 608-246-4548

Whom Can I Contact to Ask a Question or Make a Comment?

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