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.

Rain Garden Cleanup Update

As noted in the previous update, clean-up activities for the rain garden along the bike path have been completed. The electronic record can be accessed here. The DNR database lists the site as open since it has not yet gone through the final DNR closure review process. However, all necessary work has been completed.

In addition, following the rain garden cleanup a small excavation of PCB contaminated soil took place on a City of Madison property adjacent to the rain garden parcel. Soil sampling confirmed that no further action was necessary. The area was backfilled with clean soil and was then paved with 6-inches of asphalt by MKC. The report documenting the work can be accessed here.

Permanent SVE remediation building

To replace the temporary soil treatment building on the MKC property, a permanent building to house the soil vapor extraction (SVE) system and water extraction well pump is being built in the northern MKC parking lot.

Construction of the building began the week of October 27th with the excavation of soil to make way for the pouring of concrete footing. Since the soil had previously been identified to be contaminated it was immediately taken off-site and disposed of in compliance with state laws.

Construction is expected to last into December; the groundwater extraction system will commence operation shortly thereafter.

SVE Status Report

Data collected monthly from the soil treatment system from March through August can be accessed here.
Update on MKC subsurface building investigation

As last reported in 06/09/2014, Arcadis was investigating the soils underneath the MKC manufacturing facility and found PCB contamination, the highest levels of which are located adjacent to a historical concrete trench located in the middle of the facility. The Environmental Protection Agency, the DNR and MKC are in discussions about how to address the PCBs underneath the building.

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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