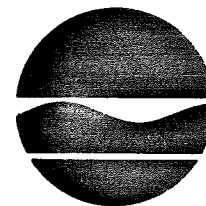


New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233



Robert F. Flacke  
Commissioner

October 4, 1982

Dear concerned citizen,

As you may know, on April 30, 1982 the U.S. District Court in Buffalo, New York approved a negotiated settlement between the federal government, the State of New York, and Hooker Chemicals and Plastics Corporation (now known as Occidental Chemical Corporation and referred to in this letter as "OCC") to monitor and clean up the 15 acre landfill known as the Hyde Park Site and to test and clean up the area around Bloody Run Creek.

Under the supervision of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Department of Health and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), OCC will soon be starting the remedial program outlined in the agreement. They will undertake activities designed to determine the extent of movement of the chemicals from the landfill into the surrounding area, accurately map the areas affected, and undertake whatever action is necessary to see that the landfill and surrounding area are safely cleaned up and further movement of the chemical residues is halted.

Throughout the entire study and clean-up, the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Department of Health and the USEPA will be reviewing plans, schedules and specifications for each step of the process to protect the health and safety of the workers and residents of the area, to protect the environment and to insure that all the terms of the court settlement are met.

We know that you want to be kept informed about this project. We, in turn, want to hear from you so that we can keep your suggestions and comments in mind as we review OCC's plans and clean-up activities. In order to get this two-way communication process going, we are doing the following:

- o All documents and plans will be made available for your review and comment. These items are currently available at the following offices:

N.Y.S.D.E.C.  
600 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, N.Y. 14212

Contact: Peter Buechi or  
Jim Wilding  
(716) 847-4590

AND

Ecology and Environment  
706 9th Street  
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14305

Contact: Sharon Thompson  
(716) 285-8842

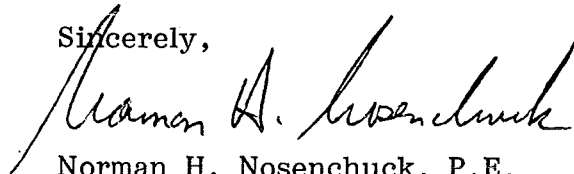
- o As documents and plans are released for public comment, we will establish target dates for you to send your comments to us, in writing, so that we may consider them in reviewing OCC's plans and schedules. A summary of your comments and our responses will be published in the newsletter mentioned below.
- o We will send out periodic newsletters which will contain updates on the progress of the study and clean-up, a brief description of the documents that are available for your review, and a timetable for the upcoming steps of the clean-up process. In addition, we will try to address concerns or questions that you may have in an accurate and easy to understand manner.
- o We will set up a telephone network, using some key people in your community, to allow us to notify interested parties of events or issues that may come up at short notice.
- o An "800" number has been established to make it easier for you to contact us. This toll free line will be answered by our Citizen Participation staff. We will try to answer your questions or make note of your concerns or comments. If we cannot answer a specific technical question, we will contact the appropriate person and get back to you with an answer as soon as possible.

PLEASE CALL TOLL FREE 1-800-342-9296

These activities are designed to help us communicate with each other. If you have any suggestions on how to improve our communications, or have comments or criticisms, please let Mr. Michael Cavanaugh, our Citizen Participation Specialist know. Show this letter to your friends and neighbors; if they would like to be on our mailing list, have them send Mr. Cavanaugh their name, address and ZIP code - we'll be happy to include them.

Mr. Cavanaugh will be coming to your area many times over the next few months. He will welcome the opportunity to get to know you individually and hear your concerns.

Sincerely,



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