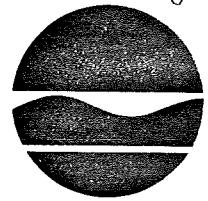


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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
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Henry G. Williams
Commissioner

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Dear Interested Citizen:

As you may know, on November 26, 1985, the State of New York, the United States of America and Occidental Chemical Corporation (OCC) submitted to the United States District Court in Buffalo documents describing a comprehensive remedial program to address the groundwater contamination attributable to OCC's Hyde Park Landfill located in the Town of Niagara. The documents are available for your review and comment. (Please refer to the enclosure titled, "Stipulation on Requisite Remedial Technology Program for the Hyde Park Landfill, Explanation.")

During the public comment period, representatives of the State of New York, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Occidental Chemical Corporation will be available to explain various parts of the remedial program, answer your specific questions and assist you in your consideration of the remedial program developed for the Hyde Park Landfill. Also enclosed is a schedule of public meetings, and public availability sessions which we believe will cover the most important elements of the Hyde Park Remedial Program.

The first specific element of the Hyde Park Remedial Program to be discussed is the health and safety procedures to be observed during the remedial activities. These discussions will include a description of the special procedures to be used to protect workers performing the remedial activities and the special procedures that will be used to assure the safety of people living and working near the Hyde Park Landfill during the remedial activities. Enclosed is a summary of the Hyde Park Landfill Requisite Remedial Technology (RRT) Program, Section 12.0, Environmental Health and Safety Plan which provides an overview of the health and safety procedures. Please note the public comment period on the health and safety procedures ends on January 27, 1986. The health and safety procedures will be the topic of a public meeting to be held January 8, 1986, at 7:30 PM in Dunleavy Hall, Niagara University, Niagara Falls, New York.

Future public meetings are planned to discuss in detail other elements of the Hyde Park Remedial Program such as the "Community Monitoring Program" and the Industrial Protection Program specifically designed to protect those living and working near the Landfill from exposure to chemical contamination attributable to Hyde Park.

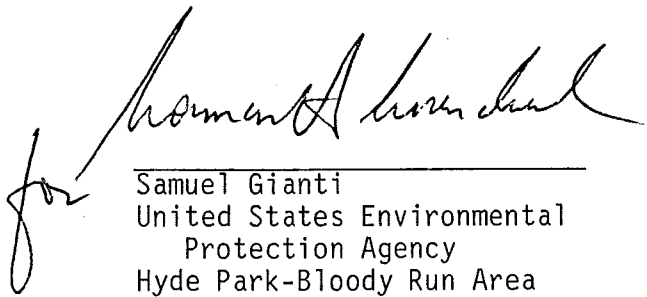
More Information is Available

The public comment period on all other elements of the Requisite Remedial Technology Program for the Hyde Park Landfill has been extended until February 24, 1986. The Requisite Remedial Technology Program (RRT) is a large and complex program. There is a very large amount of information regarding the RRT available for your review. Numerous technical documents have been prepared which provide insight into the basis for the Hyde Park Requisite Remedial Program.

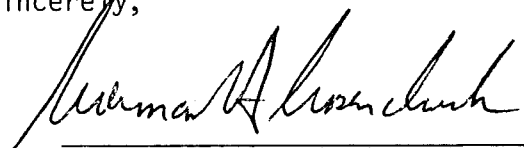
However, the volume of information makes it impractical and impossible to cover all parts of the project in detail at public meetings, or in written summaries. It is important for you to read some of the reports and documents yourself. Participating in public meetings and discussions and reading the project information sent to you will give you a general overview and help you to understand what program aspects are particularly important. However, details and more specific information will be more readily found by taking the time to read the reports and documents yourself.

Please take advantage of the EPA PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE LOCATED IN NIAGARA FALLS AT THE CARBORUNDUM CENTER, SUITE 530, 345 THIRD STREET, 716-285-8842. All project documents are there for your review. The staff at the office will help you find information and documents you are interested in and help you to interpret information that is difficult to understand.

Sincerely,

for 

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