

EPA Cleanup at Erie Coke Site

Key Facts

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will clean up hazardous substances at the Erie Coke facility.
- EPA is coordinating with state and local authorities throughout the cleanup.
- EPA is committed to keeping the nearby community updated throughout the cleanup.

Background

In May 2020, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) requested EPA assistance in responding to conditions at the Erie Coke facility in Erie, Pennsylvania. The Erie Coke Site is an abandoned coke manufacturing facility located along the shores of Lake Erie. Based on a site evaluation in July 2020, EPA determined that the site poses a threat to public health and the environment and determined that a removal action, or cleanup, is necessary. In September 2020, EPA signed an Action Memorandum which approved the cleanup of hazardous substances at the facility.

Upcoming Work at the Site

During the site evaluation, EPA identified hazardous substances stored in tanks, pipes, drums, totes, and other containers. EPA will further characterize the contents of these storage containers before removing them for safe off-site disposal. EPA will also sample for asbestos containing materials (ACM), and remove ACM for safe off-site disposal.

EPA expects to begin on-site cleanup in September 2020. Due to the size of the facility, this removal action is expected to take more than 12 months to complete. This action will focus on the immediate hazards at the facility. During the cleanup, EPA will determine if additional investigation and cleanup are necessary. EPA will continue to coordinate with PADEP and local authorities and keep the community updated.

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THE SUPERFUND REMOVAL PROCESS TIME-CRITICAL REMOVAL

ASSESSMENT



Discovery/Notification of Contamination



Removal Action Determination

REMOVAL



Action Memorandum

CURRENT STAGE



Removal Action

POST-REMOVAL



Post-Removal Site Control (if needed)

Community involvement is integral to the entire process



Get Involved

- Participate in an interview to help develop EPA's Community Involvement Plan! Send an email to page.katherine@epa.gov or call 215-814-2409.
- Request to be added to EPA's email group list to receive information about upcoming activities. Send an email to page.katherine@epa.gov.
- Attend public availability sessions as the cleanup progresses to learn about site activities and ask questions. Details about future sessions will be shared via the website below, email and postal mail.
- For more information, visit: <https://response.epa.gov/eriecokesite>.

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