

PART 3: Responsiveness Summary

A proposal for revising the groundwater cleanup remedy, termed the Valley Wood Preserving Superfund Site Proposed Plan (the Proposed Plan) was issued in February 2007. The Proposed Plan described the alternatives considered by EPA and identified EPA's preferred remedial alternative for residual groundwater cleanup at the Site. In accordance with Section 117(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9617(a), EPA announced the public availability of the Proposed Plan in order to solicit input. Public comments were requested in writing from February 7, 2007 through March 8, 2007; however, it was emphasized that comments would also be accepted by mail, fax, or over the phone during that 30-day period. In addition, EPA held a public meeting on February 13, 2007 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Turlock, California. The purpose of this public meeting was to discuss the Proposed Plan and answer questions about the alternatives considered, and provide an opportunity for public comments.

A. Stakeholder Comments and Responses

No formal comments were received during the public comment period and no comments were recorded in the formal transcript of the public meeting. However, there were a few questions raised "off the record" during the public meeting, and those are summarized below, including EPA's responses.

Q: When will the site cleanup be complete?

A: Based upon using the groundwater remedy recommended in the Proposed Plan, the groundwater cleanup is expected to take four years and may require an additional year or two to be considered clean.

Q: I have some monitoring wells on my property that were installed as part of the groundwater remedy. When will VWP be able to abandon the wells?

A: VWP will submit a revised groundwater monitoring plan to EPA as a component of implementing the final groundwater remedy. At that time, EPA will evaluate abandoning certain monitoring wells, while keeping others that are necessary to monitor the results of the groundwater remedy.