

The Sherwin-Williams Company (Sherwin-Williams) is working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to investigate and remediate environmental conditions associated with past industrial operations at the former paint manufacturing plant in Gibbsboro, New Jersey. Activities at the Sherwin-Williams/Hilliards Creek Site, the Route 561 Dump Site and the United States Avenue Burn Site (the Sites) have been divided into six units to help facilitate the remedy decision and remedial action process. This update provides information regarding progress on each unit.

Field Office and COVID-19 Updates

The Sherwin-Williams project team continues to implement COVID-19 related precautions consistent with state and federal recommendations and requirements. Our field office recently moved, but the office phone number remains (856) 782-4935. We are accepting visitors to the field office by appointment only. The team continues to work diligently to keep the project moving forward.

Residential Properties Remediation

EPA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Residential Properties adjacent to the Sites on September 30, 2015 and remediation activities began in 2016.

Remediation and restoration activities are complete on 47 residential properties. Two remaining properties located along Kirkwood Lake in Voorhees will be remediated and restored when arrangements can be made with the property owners.

Two additional residential properties, located in Gibbsboro, also require remediation. Sherwin-Williams is working with EPA to determine the most appropriate timing for work on these two properties.

Route 561 Dump Site

On September 26, 2016, EPA released its remedy decision for the remediation of the Route 561 Dump Site in Gibbsboro. On March 31, 2017, Sherwin-Williams received legal authorization from EPA to move forward with both the remedial design and remedial action.

Remediation and restoration activities are substantially complete on all properties associated with the Route 561 Dump Site unit. Sherwin-Williams is currently working on administrative documents and filings to close-out this project unit.

The United States Avenue Burn Site

On September 29, 2017, EPA issued a ROD for the remediation of the United States Avenue Burn Site (Burn Site) in Gibbsboro. On April 16, 2019, the Consent Decree between EPA and Sherwin-Williams was finalized, authorizing Sherwin-Williams to proceed with the remedial design and remedial action.

Sherwin-Williams has completed the pre-design investigation for the Burn Site and associated properties, and is preparing the remedial design documents. The 90% remedial design is due to EPA on October 8, 2021.

Remediation of the Burn Site unit is expected to begin in late spring or early summer 2022.

Former Manufacturing Plant (FMP) Soils

On August 10, 2020, EPA issued a ROD to address contaminated soils at the FMP, as well as sediments in a portion of Hilliards Creek adjacent to the FMP. On April 5, 2021, the Consent Decree between EPA and Sherwin-Williams was finalized, authorizing Sherwin-Williams to proceed with the pre-design investigation, followed by the remedial design and remedial action.

The Sherwin-Williams team has submitted an extensive draft pre-design investigation (PDI) work plan to EPA and received comments on portions of the plan. Once the work plan is thoroughly reviewed and approved, Sherwin-Williams will initiate PDI field activities. The EPA-approved remedy for the FMP Soils unit includes three distinct work areas requiring different remedial approaches. The pre-design and remedial design phases are expected to extend over multiple years.

In order to facilitate remediation work at and adjacent to the FMP, Sherwin-Williams will extend a segment of the sanitary sewer line to certain residential properties located on United States Avenue in Gibbsboro. Design of the sewer line extension is underway.

Waterbodies including Hilliards Creek

On April 1, 2021, EPA released a Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Waterbodies Unit. The proposed plan was based upon a comprehensive Feasibility Study, prepared by Sherwin-Williams, which evaluated the remediation alternatives for Hilliards Creek and its floodplain, as well as Silver Lake, Bridgewood Lake and Kirkwood Lake located in Gibbsboro and Voorhees, New Jersey.

EPA is expected to issue a Response to Comments and ROD for the Waterbodies Unit before the end of September 2021.

Sherwin-Williams continues to work cooperatively with Camden County in evaluating options for accelerating the dredging of Kirkwood Lake.

Former Manufacturing Plant Groundwater

Sherwin-Williams is working with EPA to finalize the Remedial Investigation of the Groundwater unit. Once the Remedial Investigation is complete and approved, Sherwin-Williams will proceed with the Feasibility Study to evaluate alternatives for addressing groundwater contamination at the FMP.

Remediation Construction Updates

Construction updates are posted to the Sherwin-Williams project website on a regular basis.

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