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Community Update

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GLEN COVE CREEK, Glen Cove, New York

During the week of May 14, EPA sampling of approximately 22,000 cubic yards of material dredged from Glen Cove Creek by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and temporarily stored at Parcel A on the Li Tungsten federal Superfund site revealed elevated levels of radioactivity in a number of locations. As a result, the Corps suspended dredging operations in the Creek. EPA installed additional fencing and warning signs around the perimeter and within the interior of the property where the dredged materials are located to prevent public access. Monitoring indicates no elevated levels of radioactivity beyond the perimeter of Parcel A.

PUBLIC MEETING

EPA and Army Corps of Engineers experts will be available at a Li Tungsten Task Force meeting on August 2nd in the Council Chambers in Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen Street at 7:00 p.m. to answer questions and discuss community concerns. The federal experts will also update the public on federal actions to address the radioactive material in the sediments dredged from Glen Cove Creek and temporarily stored on the Li Tungsten site, as well as to discuss potential future dredging of the Creek.

PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS

At the present time, the stockpiled dredged material is wet and not readily airborne, particularly when not disturbed. EPA will conduct dust control monitoring and measures, as necessary, to prevent the potential for dust from the dredge piles becoming airborne. With the added property access restrictions in place, EPA and the Corps believe that there is no public health danger posed by the dredged material in its current location on land. There also appears to be no health danger posed by material that may be present in the Creek since it lacks mobility, is under water and is not in direct contact with people.

CURRENT ACTIONS

EPA is evaluating the best methods to handle, screen and dispose of the radioactive material in the upland dredged piles as part of its removal planning for Parcel A. The Corps is facilitating the removal of dredging equipment still on-site, and has developed a workplan to survey sediments in the Creek to determine if there is additional radioactive contamination.

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