

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR DNR and EPA FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE KOHLER CO. LANDFILL SUPERFUND SITE

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) complete a review every five years for the Kohler Co. Landfill Superfund Site (the Site) located between County Highways A and PP in the Village of Kohler.

The federal Superfund law requires the DNR and EPA to provide the public an opportunity to comment about the landfill and the on-going cleanup process. The DNR and EPA conduct this review to make sure the remedy remains effective. This is the fifth such review since construction work was completed in 1998.

The Kohler Company began using the Site in the 1950s to store waste including foundry sand, slag and pottery materials. The company also disposed of various hydraulic oils, solvents and paint wastes. Groundwater sampling in 1983 revealed the need to do additional investigation due to the presence of volatile organic compounds.

In 1985, the Kohler Company entered an Administrative Order by Consent with the EPA to investigate and develop a plan to address Site contamination. The EPA and DNR issued Records of Decision in 1992 and 1996 requiring the Kohler Company to restrict access to the waste area and limit the release of contamination to the environment.

By 1998, the Kohler Company installed a landfill cover, leachate collection system and deed restrictions that remain in place today. Long-term monitoring continues for groundwater and landfill leachate to protect human health and the environment from contamination.

Today, the landfill exists mostly as a grass-covered field. The Kohler Company continues to operate a small Site area for landfilling foundry sand and pottery waste. Leachate and groundwater wells evaluate contaminant migration through routine monitoring. Federal, state and county ordinances restrict groundwater use in the immediate area, which ultimately provides public protection from contamination that remains in groundwater.

The DNR invites interested parties to provide information that might be important in this site review. To submit comments, contact BJ LeRoy, DNR Hydrogeologist:

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The information gathered will be considered during the review process if received by August 3, 2022. The five-year review report will be completed in August 2022.

To learn about the Kohler Co. Landfill site or see previous five-year reviews, visit <https://dnr.wi.gov/botw/SetUpBasicSearchForm.do> and enter 02-60-529577 into the "BRRTS No." field on the search form. The upcoming August 2022 report can also be found here when completed.

Find additional information on the EPA Kohler Co. Landfill webpage at <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csinfo.cfm?id=0504973>.

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For the Secretary

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Director, Remediation and Redevelopment Program

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