

## Deposit N Project Sediment Cleanup 1998 Timeline

**The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is moving ahead on a pilot project to remove contaminated sediment from the Lower Fox River, which should be completed by the end of 1998. Deposit N is a three-acre site near the villages of Kimberly and Little Chute. The site's 12,000 cubic yards of sediment are contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a compound discharged by some area industries between the 1950s and '70s that poses health risks to all members of the food chain.**

**The WDNR plans to hydraulically dredge the site, transport PCB-contaminated sediments to a landfill, treat wastewater, and return treated water to the river. All processes involved use proven technologies to protect people's health and the environment while working to restore the Lower Fox River. See the "Fox River Deposit N Removal" brochure for more information.**

**Public input on cleanup activities is an integral part of Project N. This timeline gives a snapshot of major milestones in the projects and opportunities for citizens to provide input.**

### M A Y

☞ Engineering design work continues. Detailed design specifications are prepared. WDNR prepares permits, including WDNR Chapter 30/31 permits that regulate dredging, shoreland and in-stream activities; permits for wastewater treatment and discharge, solid-waste transport and disposal; and air-quality monitoring.

☞ WDNR releases a Request For Bid (RFB) to garner contract bids from landfills in Wisconsin to dispose of PCB-contaminated sediment from Deposit N.

☞ Information on the Lower Fox River and Deposit N is distributed to local communities via village halls and libraries.

☞ Affected property owners, officials and cooperating industries are briefed.

☞ Coordination continues with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

### J U N E

☞ WDNR hosts a public informational meeting in Little Chute.

☞ Environmental contractors prepare detailed plans and proposals to bid on contract work.

☞ Written bids are due from landfill operators interested in obtaining approval for disposal of sediment. Proposals are carefully reviewed to determine the best candidate.

☞ WDNR releases an RFB for construction services for dredging, water treatment and sediment dewatering.

☞ Data compiled and analysis begins for a Wisconsin Environmental Protection Act (NR150) comprehensive environmental assessment of project benefits and impacts to human health and the environment.

### J U L Y

☞ Contract finalists are selected.

☞ Landfill plan modification application is due to WDNR. DNR reviews plans to ensure compliance with solid-waste disposal laws and protection to the environment and the public. Public notice is issued.

☞ Public notice is given of an NR150 Environmental Assessment that describes the overall effects of Project N and provides for public input. Plans for air-, land- and water-quality monitoring during dredging and treatment are reviewed.

☞ Public notice and comment period is given on Ch. 30/31 dredging permits.

☞ Public notice and comment period on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permits which regulate structures in the waterway and dredging.

☞ Public notice given for WPDES permit from WDNR that regulates wastewater treatment and discharge.

### A U G U S T

☞ WDNR plans a public hearing describing WPDES wastewater permit.

☞ Public meeting planned to discuss landfill plan modification application.

☞ WDNR responds to comments regarding landfill plan. Approval may be issued at this point.

☞ Final state and federal dredging permits issued.

☞ Final wastewater permit issued.

☞ Contracts awarded for dredging, water treatment, sediment dewatering and disposal.

☞ On-land construction begins for the water-treatment and sediment-dewatering facilities, public observation area, and visitor center. A raised platform will provide an overview of dredging, dewatering, and treating wastewater, while the visitor center will provide informational materials that explain processes involved in the cleanup effort.

### SEPTEMBER

☞ Contractors begin dredging.

☞ Air- and water-quality monitoring during dredging and treatment.

### OCTOBER

☞ Construction, environmental monitoring and cleanup continue.

☞ Site restoration begins.

### W I N T E R

☞ Dredging and treatment completed.

☞ On-shore treatment facilities dismantled and site restored.

☞ Documentation report prepared.

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☞ Post cleanup monitoring and measurement of environmental recovery and project success.



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