

AUGUST 2012 - The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has announced its selection of the final remedy to address Chrome Ore Processing Residue (COPR) at the Dundalk Marine Terminal. The agency selected Enhanced Isolation and Containment, with additional groundwater monitoring.

MDE Remedy Ensures:

- Human health and environment are protected from effects of COPR at the Terminal
- Long-term safety addressed with a permanent remedy that includes maintaining and upgrading existing cap and cover system and other protective measures
- Significant improvements in storm drain system to prevent hexavalent chromium discharge



- Economic impact to Port and workers minimized during implementation of the remedy
- Enhancement of existing monitoring programs for groundwater and storm water to monitor effectiveness of the remedy

Criteria used by MDE in reaching its decision included protecting health, the environment, and the community over the short and long term and considering the degree to which a remedy would interfere with ongoing Port operations.

Rigorous Review and Analysis: Extensive Investigations and Studies

The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) and Honeywell conducted six extensive studies, which were accepted by MDE on November 30, 2010. The studies contain the results of thousands of soil, water, and air tests. Data from the extensive, ongoing air-monitoring program, implemented by the Port and Honeywell, demonstrate that COPR is not being transported through the air. The investigations also showed that hexavalent chromium has not been found in river sediments. The only significant current movement of hexavalent chromium is from groundwater to storm drains.

Community Working Group Formed

A Community Working Group is being formed by the MPA and Honeywell. The suggested membership is residents from communities adjacent to or near the Dundalk Marine Terminal, specifically Turner Station, Carnegie Plats, Watersedge, Logan Village and St. Helena. Other interested parties will be welcome. Meetings will be open to the community and interested residents may attend meetings without being a member of the Working Group. The first meeting will be held in late September.

Anyone who is interested should contact us through our website.

For more information about the final remedy and its implementation, click here.

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