

Bridgeton Landfill LLC

Bridgeton Landfill, LLC Issues Statement Regarding EPA's Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the West Lake Landfill

BRIDGETON, MO (February 1, 2018) -- Bridgeton Landfill, LLC, one of the currently designated Potentially Responsible Parties (PRP) for the West Lake Landfill, a Superfund site located in Bridgeton, MO, is pleased that the EPA has finally ended decades of study and again is issuing a proposed plan for the site.

From here, we will participate fully during the EPA's comment period, as well as engage vigorously with the EPA and the other PRPs to ensure that the final remedy performed is based on science, and is fully protective of human health, including onsite workers performing any remedy, the community, and the environment. The path to beginning implementation of the final Record of Decision (ROD) could take years.

Bridgeton Landfill, LLC is a subsidiary of Republic Services, Inc. Republic acquired the owner of the West Lake Landfill as part of a large corporate merger in 2008, shortly after the EPA issued its original record of decision. Bridgeton Landfill, LLC did not generate or deliver the waste to the property, and has been a model environmental steward and PRP throughout the Superfund program's process.

About the West Lake Landfill

The West Lake Landfill became contaminated with radiologically impacted material in 1973 when a now defunct trucking company, hired by a federal (what is now the Nuclear Regulatory Commission) licensee, improperly brought the waste, mixed with thousands of tons of soil, to the Landfill as supposed "clean fill." The Landfill used the material to cover compacted trash in two areas as part of routine operations. The portions of the landfill addressed by the EPA's proposed plan ceased day-to-day operations in 1974. The NRC discovered the contamination in 1976 and the EPA added the landfill to its National Priorities List as a Superfund site in 1990.

The site has been waiting for a final remediation plan for over 40 years. During that time, exhaustive studies by federal and state authorities, including the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the U.S. EPA and the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services, have concluded that the Landfill currently poses no unacceptable risk to human health or the environment, even without a remedy in place.

For more information about the West Lake Landfill, go to westlakelandfill.com.

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