

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ohio EPA and FWS Issue Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment
for the Nease Chemical Facility, Salem, Ohio;
Community Meeting to be held

On March 5, 2015 the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) (jointly the Trustees) issued a Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment (RP/EA) concerning the Nease Chemical site located at State Route 14A, Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio (Site). The RP/EA has been prepared by the Trustees to address natural resources injured and ecological services lost due to releases of hazardous substances from the former Nease facility.

The Trustees are in settlement negotiations with the Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) in which the PRP would implement various projects to compensate the public for injuries to natural resources due to releases of hazardous substances from the former Nease Chemical facility. Therefore, the purpose of this RP/EA is to present the Trustees' Preferred Alternative to accomplish the goal of restoring, rehabilitating, replacing and/or acquiring the equivalent of those natural resources injured, and the services those resources provide. Public comments are being sought on this RP/EA and will be considered and incorporated in the Final RP/EA as appropriate.

The Trustees will hold a community meeting on April 9, 2015, to answer questions and to accept comments on the Preferred Plan. The community meeting will begin at 6 pm at the Salem Public Library (Quaker Room) located at 821 E. State Street, Salem, Ohio 44460. The community meeting will begin with an information session during which the Trustees will present a summary of the RP/EA and answer questions. After the information session the public can submit oral or written comments for the record regarding the RP/EA.

In addition, the Trustees will accept written comments through April 17, 2015. Anyone may submit written comments on the RP/EA by writing to: Sheila Abraham, Site coordinator, Ohio EPA, Northeast District Office, 2110 East Aurora Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087. Comments can also be faxed to (330) 487-0769 or e-mailed to sheila.abraham@epa.ohio.gov. The Trustees will consider all comments submitted during the public comment period before taking a final action.

A copy of the RP/EA has been provided to the Salem Public Library, located at 821 E. State Street, Salem, Ohio. The RP/EA and related documents are available for review at Ohio EPA's Northeast District Office by calling (330) 963-1200 for an appointment, or via the internet at <http://epa.ohio.gov/derr/EnvironmentalResponseandRevitalization.aspx#113282715-whats-new>.