

Public Notice: Request For Comments



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Notice of Soil Contamination Removal and Cleanup Activity at Former Broadway Center Laundry Site in Boise [Docket # 10HW-0902].

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What is the purpose of this notice?

This notice addresses efforts to clean up a site where hazardous dry cleaning waste (containing tetrachloroethene) was illegally disposed. The responsible party; DBSI, has undertaken action to address soil contamination at the site and has proposed monitoring to address contaminated groundwater that migrated from the site. This is your opportunity to review documents related to the soil clean-up/ closure, and the plan for contaminated groundwater. You are invited to provide meaningful comment on the actions completed and future actions necessary to protect human health and the environment.

Describe the unit being closed:

The Broadway Center Laundry site is located at 1217 Broadway Avenue. DEQ discovered in July 2000 that the operator of the laundry had been pouring dry cleaning wastes into a storm drain in the site's parking lot. The dry cleaner is no longer in business and DBSI, as the current owner, took responsibility for the site, and signed an enforceable Consent Order with DEQ.

On October 10, 2005, DBSI's contractor began removal of the contaminated soil. The contractor removed the storm drain system. The excavation was roughly 44 feet long, twenty feet wide and seven feet deep. Approximately 200 cubic yards of fill material (storm drain components) and soils were removed from the source area.

All materials that had tetrachloroethene concentrations above 6 mg/kg were disposed as hazardous waste. This effort to remove the source met the DEQ established clean up criteria. While the source area has been removed, a separate effort to address a contamination plume migrating northwest from the site is ongoing. Included among the documents subject to this public notice is the proposed monitoring plan (post-closure plan) to address groundwater contamination.

Where can I get more information?

In person: Documents retained by DEQ in support of this action may be reviewed at the Idaho DEQ State Office, located at 1410 North Hilton, in Boise, Idaho.

Online: The Fact Sheet, Closure Plan, Site Consent Order, Remediation Plan, and Remediation Report are available on-line via the DEQ web site at (<http://www.deq.idaho.gov>).

By Phone: Call Ms. Jennifer Shafer at (208) 373-0502.

Persons wanting to be added or deleted from the facility mailing list should contact Ms. René Anderson at 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho, and/or at (208) 373-0210.

When are written comments due?

5 p.m. April 24, 2009. Comments should be addressed to Robert Bullock, c/o Ms. Jennifer Shafer, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) at 1410 North Hilton, Boise, ID 83706.

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Who will be responsible for implementing this plan?

DBSI Broadway Plaza Limited Partnership (DBSI), the site owner, has taken responsibility for the site.

Who is the issuing office? Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), 1410 North Hilton Boise, Idaho 83706.

What are DEQ's responsibilities?

The Idaho DEQ is the regulatory agency that helps protect and enhance Idaho's water and air quality, and helps ensure proper management and disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring permits and plans for certain activities.

What legal requirements apply?

Idaho's rules require that DEQ provide an owner or operator and the public, through a newspaper notice, the opportunity to submit written comments on these types of actions.

What happens next? For the on site soil contamination clean up, DEQ will consider any pertinent comments and modify the plan, or approve the plan as performed.

For the off-site contaminated ground water, all pertinent comments received will be considered as DEQ works to finalize a plan to address the off-site contamination.