# **Public Meeting**

November 23, 2009 7 p.m.

City Hall – Council Chambers

Jersey City, New Jersey



N.J. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CITY OF JERSEY CITY PPG INDUSTRIES COURT-APPOINTED SITE ADMINISTRATOR

# **Public Meeting Overview**

- Settlement Overview
- Activity Report
- 5-Year Master Schedule
- Residential Testing Program
- Community Health
- Local Hiring Program

On June 26, 2009, DEP, Jersey City and PPG signed a settlement in Superior Court where they agreed to work together to cleanup PPG's chromium sites.

- The agreement:
  - Establishes a 5-year goal to clean up all 20 sites;
  - Creates new position of an independent, court-appointed Site Administrator;
  - Creates new position of an independent Technical Consultant;

- The agreement also:
  - Establishes residential site testing and cleanup program for chrome waste;
  - Directs the Site Administrator to review existing health studies, consult with experts and recommend further actions, if necessary; and
  - Requires PPG to make reasonable efforts to hire 20% of its cleanup workforce from Jersey City and to establish a training program for City residents.

New Positions: Roles and Responsibilities

#### Independent, court-appointed Site Administrator:

- Develop 5-year Master Schedule and require all parties meet schedule deadlines;
- Hire independent Technical Consultant and experts, as needed;
- Review existing health studies and make recommendations for further actions, if necessary;
- Coordinate residential testing and cleanup program for chrome waste; and
- Communicate with affected community, solicit input, and convey community concerns to the partnership.

New Positions: Roles and Responsibilities

#### **Independent Technical Consultant:**

- Provide technical review and evaluation of cleanup workplans in support of DEP's regulatory responsibilities;
- Review all workplans to ensure they meet all site cleanup and regulatory requirements; and
- Meet with the community to discuss proposed cleanup plans.

# **Activity Report**

#### **2009**

- June 26 Settlement Signed by Judge Oliveri
- July 6 Site Administrator Appointed
- Aug. 3 Work Groups Formed/Near-term Goals Set
- Oct. 26 Technical Consultant Search Completed
- Nov. 23 Master Schedule Public Draft Review
- Dec. 1 20% Jersey City Hiring Program Guidelines

#### **2010**

- Jan. 18 Residential Sampling/Cleanup Program
- Jan. 26 Health Study Recommendation

#### Ongoing

Community Outreach

- 5-Year Master Schedule one of the principal tasks assigned to the Site Administrator under the settlement
- Prioritizes 20 sites and stages activity and resources
- Technical working group produced draft
- 10 year cleanup compressed to 5 years In detail, there are over 1,100 tasks
- Master Schedule is not a Master Plan
- Community review and input will occur throughout the process

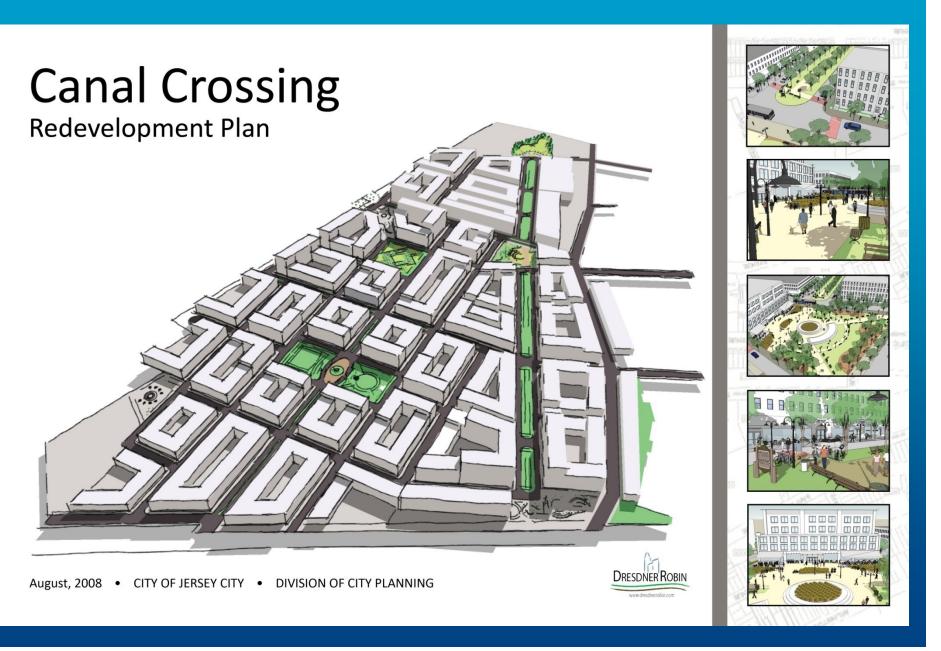
# **Cleanup Locations**



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### 900 Garfield and Berry Lane





# **Berry Lane Park**



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#### The Garfield Avenue and Berry Lane Sites:

- 900 Garfield Avenue has been the focus of community/residents' concern for years.
- 900 Garfield Avenue has already been extensively studied and many remediation challenges have been identified.
- To meet the five-year goal, remediation at 900 Garfield Avenue must be given priority.

### Garfield Avenue Initial Remediation Program

#### Objectives

- Achieve Significant Cleanup Progress
- Generate Design Information For Final Remedy
- Enables DEP to Select Remedy Sooner

#### ■ 2010 Activities

- Concrete Slab Removal
- Excavation & Off-site Disposal Of Green Gray Mud
- Testing Of Treatment Approach

# At Other Sites, Contamination Mapping Needs to be Completed:

- Before starting activities, PPG is required to prepare a detailed work plan for review by the independent Technical Consultant and approval by DEP.
- At the conclusion of the investigation, contamination will be fully delineated to the satisfaction of the independent Technical Consultant and DEP.

#### **Following Delineation:**

- Engineering work is conducted by PPG to identify and evaluate alternatives that meet desired cleanup goals and objectives.
- This work is then reviewed by the independent Technical Consultant before DEP selects one of the alternatives.

#### **Final Site Cleanup Plans:**

- After the best alternative is selected by DEP, PPG will prepare a cleanup plan (known as a Remedial Action Work Plan) that details how the remediation will be implemented.
- Site cleanup plans must meet New Jersey chromium cleanup standards.
- Remedial activities will fulfill all applicable requirements of DEP's rules and regulations.

#### **Final Site Cleanup Plans:**

- All site cleanup plans will be reviewed by the independent Technical Consultant prior to approval by DEP.
- PPG must obtain required State and Local environmental permits and approvals.

# Reports and Permits for Garfield Avenue

#### **Reports:**

- Interim Remedial Investigation Report
- Remedial Investigation Work Plan
- Final Remedial Investigation Report
- Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan #1
- Interim Remedial Action Report #1
- Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan #2
- Interim Remedial Action Report #2
- Feasibility Study Work Plan
- Feasibility Study Report
- Remedial Action Selection Report
- Remedial Action Work Plan
- Final Remedial Action Report

#### **Permits:**

- Sewer Discharge Permit
- Sewer Connection Permit
- Treatment Works Approval / NJPDES
- Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- Traffic Control Plan
- Water Allocation Permit
- Construction Permit
- Electrical Permit
- Well Permits
- Well Abandonment Permits
- Street Opening Permit
- Sidewalk Opening Permit
- DPCC Plan
- Well permits
- Fire Hydrant Opening Permit
- Digsafe Permit
- Railroad Worker

#### **Final Site Cleanup Plans:**

Requests for bids for remediation services will be issued by PPG and contracts will be entered into to complete the remediation.

Community review will occur throughout the process.

#### **Master Schedule for PPG Chromium Sites** 2011 2010 2012 2013 2014 SITE Garfield Avenue Group Alternative 1: Full Excavation (Sites 114, 132, 133, 135, 137, 143 and 186) OR Slab Demolition Targeted Excavation **Alternative 2: Targeted Excavation & Treatment Treatment Testing Berry Lane Group** (Sites 121 and 207) Sampling Work Plans **Metropolis Towers** (Sites 156) Remediation Work Plans **Dennis Collins Park** DEP Alternative Evaluation (Sites 174) **Claremont Associates** Delineation (Sites 203) Initial Remediation Program **Conrail Edgewater** Data Analysis & Assessment (Sites 204) Final Remedial Action Fashionland/Albanil (Sites 107/108) Completion **Linden Avenue East** (Sites 16) **Baldwin/Burma** (Sites 63/65) **Commerce Street** (Sites 146) **Caven Point Realty** (Sites 202)

**Projected Start Date:** December 1, 2009

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### **Master Schedule Questions**

## Residential Sampling Overview

- Settlement provides that residents within a specific area around sites can have their property inspected and tested for the presence of chromium
- If found above health action levels, contamination will need to be cleaned up
- No cost to property owner, PPG pays
- Renters can request, but property owner will need to approve and grant access
- Projected start date of January 18, with a kick-off workshop

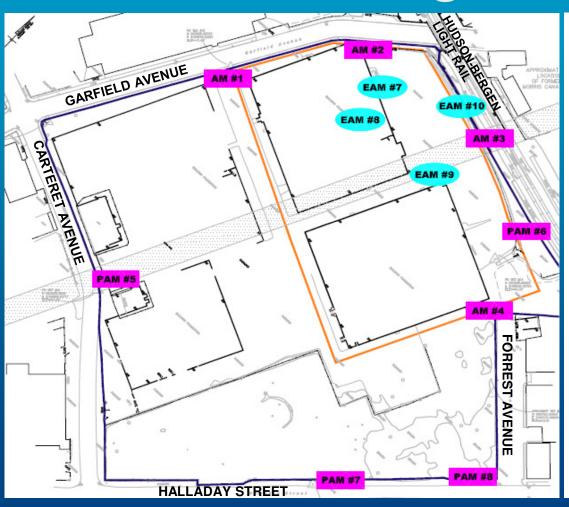
#### Residential Testing Program Site Administrator Start: **Initial Research** No Calls Resident to **Owner Requests** Resident Completed Site Inspection? **Discuss Research** (7 Working days) Calls and Next Steps Yes **Process Complete Site Inspection Site Administrator** Report No Testing **Sign Access** Calls Resident to Completed Required? **Discuss Report and** Agreement (5 Working Days **Next Steps** after Site Visit) Yes **Testing Report** Site Administrator No Review Results Completed Calls Resident to Sampling Plan (10 Working above NJDEP **Discuss Report and** with Owner Days after Lab action levels? **Next Steps** Results) Yes **Complete Remedial Action Required by NJDEP**

# **Residential Testing Questions**

# **Air Monitoring**

- A combination of permanent and mobile Air Monitoring Stations will be used to continuously check to make sure that safe conditions are maintained during all cleanup activities
- These stations will monitor conditions in various zones and will protect surrounding residents by requiring that dust suppression be implemented if conditions warrant and work be halted if conditions require
- By imposing the site perimeter action levels well inside the site – at the work zone – nearby residential properties are protected

# Conceptual Locations for Air Monitoring Stations

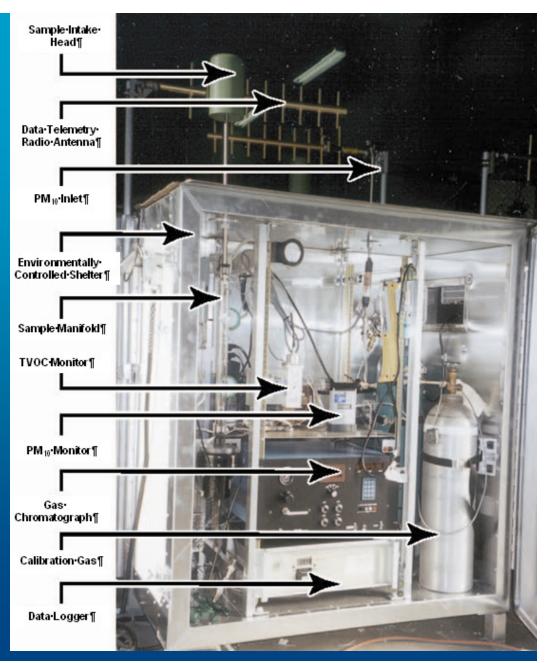


Typical Work
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Typical Fence Line Air Monitoring Stations

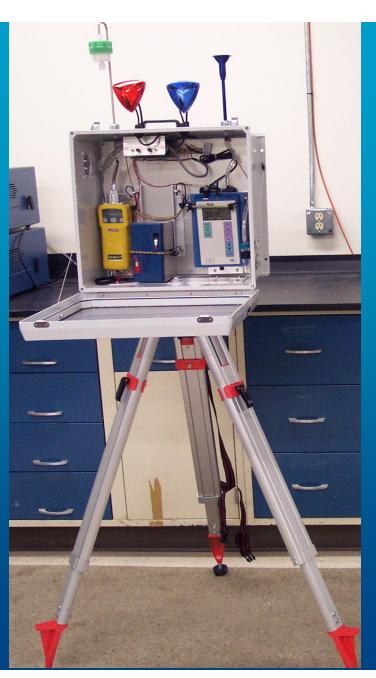
Anticipated Initial Cleanup Activity Area

### Sample Fixed Fenceline Air Monitoring Station



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Sample Work Zone Air Monitoring Station



# Air monitoring

#### Truck soil and dust control:

- Loads will be sealed and secured.
- Trucks will be washed immediately after loading and again before leaving the site.

■ Settlement requires that the site administrator review chromium-related health studies, consult with experts in the field and, if necessary, recommend a health exposure study that would monitor people living within the vicinity of the Garfield Avenue site.

- Key questions for any community health study are:
  - 1. Will the data gathered detect adverse health effects directly linked to exposure to a specific contaminant (chromium waste), and are those adverse health effects amenable to prevention or intervention measures?

- 2. Is the health science well enough understood to determine:
  - a. The natural history of the disease process relative to exposure?
  - b. Whether screening/intervention will have an impact on the disease process?
  - c. Whether screening tests will be accurate, reliable and determinative?
  - d. Whether the impact of screening tests will be acceptable to the patient and community?
  - e. Whether there currently is a reliable treatment or intervention procedure to prevent disease?

#### **■ Key dates:**

- December 17, 2009 Public Meeting to review research and solicit community input
- December 31, 2009 Anticipated Publication of Gastrointestinal Study
  - NJ Dept. of Health and Senior Services is evaluating the relationship between historic exposure to chromium and the incidence of gastrointestinal cancers in Jersey City. Study looks at Jersey City population over a 25-year period: 1979-2003
- January 26, 2010 Site Administrator recommendation due

### **Health Questions**

# **Local Employment Program**

- Goal
  - 20% of Labor Hours and Contracts.
- PPG's Contractors
  - Responsible for Hiring Workers
  - Required to Satisfy Goal
- Hiring Opportunities
  - Managed through Local Trade Unions
- Union Apprenticeship Opportunities
  - Jersey City Employment and Training Program

# Local Employment Program

- OSHA Certification Training
  - PPG Will Establish Program
- Because Cleanups are not Labor Intensive, PPG is Working to Create Other Opportunities:
  - Pittsburgh Paints Trade School
  - Financial Support to Rising Tide Capital
  - Support of Local Businesses

# **Hiring Questions**

### How We Reach You

- Public meetings
- Mayor's Citizen Advisory Board
- Newspaper ads
- Mail
- Web site
- Newsletters
- E-mail
- Return phone calls
- PPG's Garfield Avenue Renewal Company

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