

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION PROGRAM
APPLICATION RECEIPT****PUBLIC NOTICE NO.:** VRP #15017-001**PAPER:** The Charleston Gazette**PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:** March 20, 2015

Freedom Industries, Inc. has submitted an application to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) to participate in a voluntary environmental cleanup at the Freedom Industries site under the Voluntary Remediation and Redevelopment Act. The site is located at 1015 Barlow Drive, Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, and is comprised of approximately 4.87 acres of property.

The site was used for bulk petroleum storage and more recently as a chemical storage and distribution facility. A Certificate of Completion was issued to Pennzoil Quaker State on Dec. 7, 2004, for contamination associated with petroleum bulk storage operations under voluntary remediation project VRP #04508. On Jan. 9, 2014, a release of crude methylcyclohexanemethanol (MCHM) and PPH, a hydrophobic glycol ether, occurred from an aboveground storage tank (AST). The mixture of MCHM and PPH flowed below and through the AST secondary containment wall and entered the Elk River approximately 1.5 miles above the water intake for West Virginia American Water. The release impacted drinking water for more than 300,000 residents. In response to the release, aboveground storage tanks have been emptied and removed from the site. Additionally, actions have been taken to prevent further release of chemicals to the Elk River, and removal of contaminated soil and water is ongoing. Bulk materials are no longer stored at the site. Future site use is unknown, but anticipated to be commercial/industrial. Questions and comments regarding this Voluntary Remediation and Redevelopment Program application and the Voluntary Remediation Program in general will be received at a public meeting at the Charleston Civic Center on March 24, 2015, from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.

The Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) at the WVDEP is currently negotiating a Voluntary Remediation Agreement with the applicant to address environmental conditions associated with the recent release and historic operations at the site. The agreement includes provisions for identifying human health and ecological risks associated with current and potential uses of the site; establishing appropriate remediation standards; and performing additional remedial actions, if necessary, to meet those standards. Upon completion of remediation, the applicant will submit a final report to OER to confirm that the work performed meets all applicable remediation standards.

Application No.: VRP #15017**Applicant:** Freedom Industries, Inc
1015 Barlow Drive
Charleston, WV 25311**Site Location:** 1015 Barlow Drive
Charleston, Kanawha County, WV**Current Site Use:** The site is currently inactive; all above ground storage tanks have been demolished and removed from the property. Environmental assessment and remediation are ongoing.**Suspected Contaminants:** Contaminants of potential concern include MCHM, PPH, Ethylene Glycol Glycerin, VOCs, SVOCs, and Lead.**Cleanup Method:** Final remedial strategy is currently unknown pending further assessment. Once a cleanup method is chosen, a second public notice will be issued.**Intended Future Use:** Unknown, commercial/industrial is anticipated.**Application Availability:** Interested individuals may review and/or copy the Voluntary Remediation Program application at the following locations:

Kanawha County Clerk's Office
408 Virginia Street East
Charleston, WV 25301
Phone: 304-926-0499, ext. 1817

WVDEP - Office of Environmental Remediation
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Phone: 304-926-0499, ext. 1817

Questions or Comments: Questions or comments regarding the Voluntary Remediation Program or this application should be directed to either:

David Long, WVDEP
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Phone: 304-926-0499, ext. 1265

or

Ira Buchanan, Licensed Remediation Specialist
111-D Sanders Lane
Bluefield, VA 24605
Phone: 800-897-1063