

FACT SHEET
LANXESS to Perform Remediation Work with LDEQ Oversight
Former Spedale Landfill Site
near Gonzales, Ascension Parish, Louisiana

LANXESS is set to begin final remediation of the former Spedale Landfill Site near Gonzales, Ascension Parish, Louisiana. The unused Site is located on Louisiana Highway 429 (also known as Weber City Road) and is situated between the Weber City Road and New River Canal, slightly less than one mile from the town of St. Amant. The goal of the remediation work is to clean the Site to residential standards that are dictated by the LDEQ Risk Evaluation/Corrective Action Program (RECAP).

Site History

In the 1950s, portions of the Site were used as a soil borrow area for the construction of Weber City Road. From the 1950s through the late 1960s, the borrow area was used as a landfill for municipal wastes from Gonzales, Louisiana. During the mid-1960s, industrial wastes from the former Uniroyal Chemical Company (Uniroyal) were burned at the Site in a discrete/separate burn pit located west of the borrow pond. The Uniroyal wastes consisted of toluene tars, a residue from rubber manufacturing. The landfill was closed in the late 1960s.

Agency Involvement and Oversight

In 2000, LDEQ requested additional testing of the Site. In August 2001, LDEQ and LANXESS (formerly Chemtura), which assumed responsibility for the former Uniroyal Chemical Company in a merger, entered into a Cooperative Agreement to further investigate and remediate the Site. Through 2008, additional investigations were performed. On August 1, 2012, the LDEQ approved the corrective action in the Final Decision Document. Since then, LANXESS has been working on a clean-up plan for the Site by way of Remedial Design and Remedial Project Plan.

Anticipated Work Schedule

Site preparation and remediation work is anticipated to begin October 2020 and will likely continue through April 2021. All activities will be done in accordance with the LDEQ RECAP standards that are protective of human health and the environment. Remedial work plans will be reviewed and approved by LDEQ prior to the start of any remediation activities.

Community Outreach

LANXESS considers maintaining communication with residents and the local community a high priority. Attached is a list of frequently asked questions to help you better understand the remediation work, the potential impacts caused by the work, and the preventative measures that will be implemented to reduce those potential impacts. In addition, a website has been developed and made public to provide up-to-date work progress, contact information, and key project-related documents. The website can be accessed at lanxess.us (under Corporate Responsibility). Hard copies of documents can also be viewed using LDEQ's Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) for AI No. 4791.

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