

Clean up the toxic CTS site!

Public meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 6:00 PM

T.C. Roberson High School Auditorium, 250 Overlook Road

Or submit written comments by October 30 to: Craig Zeller,
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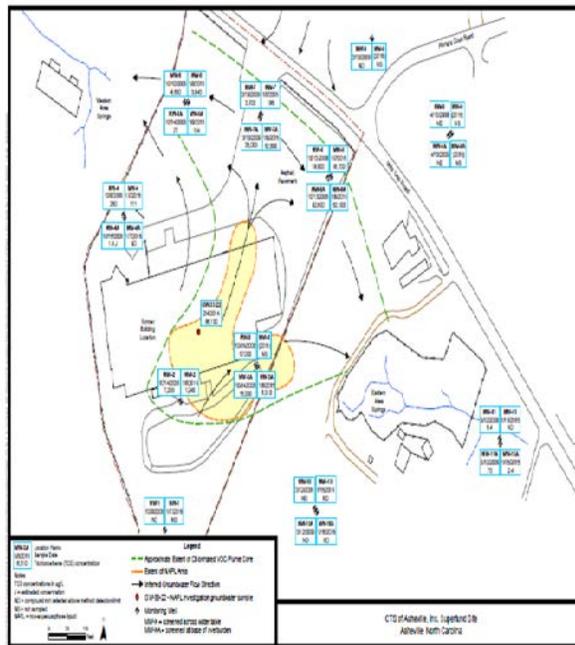
In your comments, be sure to ask EPA to force CTS to clean up an additional acre of contamination!

- **EPA must expand the treatment area to include an additional highly contaminated area to the north** of the proposed area. Left untreated, this additional mass of TCE remains a potent source of contamination that will continue to migrate, uncontrolled, onto private properties to the east and west of the CTS site.
- **Samples in this northern contaminated area show massive, amounts of highly toxic TCE.** The maximum contaminant level for TCE is 5 parts per billion, yet samples have found 830,000 parts per billion TCE in soil/ weathered bedrock in 2004; and 62,100 parts per billion TCE in groundwater as recently as 2015!

➤ **EPA has for years known that the northern area contains TCE that contaminates ground water. Finally, it told CTS to clean that area NOW, with this interim action, not kick it down the road. Tell EPA we expect them to make it happen, NOW, using their existing authority.**

➤ **Agree with EPA that electrical resistance heating (ERH) is a good technology to use for this remedial action plan.**

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Background:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) just released an Interim Remedial Action Plan for the CTS Superfund site in S. Asheville. The agency and neighbors have known for years that the site was contaminated with toxic trichloroethylene (TCE) and other chemicals. In 2012, the site was added to the National Priority List for cleanup.

While investigating the underground plume of contamination, EPA and CTS discovered a shallow "blob" of TCE mixed with petroleum products floating just under the building slab, and also identified other nearby areas of high TCE contamination. The plan proposes to remove TCE from a 1-acre area sooner rather than later while investigation of pollution deeper below the site continues - this is a very good thing - but it doesn't go far enough. **There is another acre of contaminated soil and groundwater that could be addressed NOW, with the help of lots of input from the public!**