



DuPont Pompton Lakes Works  
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To the Residents of Pompton Lakes:

As the Project Director for the DuPont Pompton Lakes Works (PLW) Facility, I want to reiterate with the utmost seriousness and resolve DuPont's commitment to the people of Pompton Lakes regarding our obligation to remedy environmental impacts related to former operations at the site. Earlier this year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) distributed for public comment a DuPont final remedial plan for the Pompton Lake Delta. This plan, first proposed to the regulatory agencies in 2006 was amended and later approved by the agencies in 2009.

The plan would reduce the potential for exposure to contaminated sediments in the Delta area by removing sediment that has been impacted as a result of former operations at the DuPont Pompton Lakes facility. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), in their written comments to USEPA regarding the proposed remedial action, stated that "... *the Service believes the remedial activities to be performed for this Project are an important first step in addressing the legacy contamination from the PLW ...*". DuPont stands ready to implement this remedial action when the appropriate local, State, and Federal permits are granted.

DuPont has a long history in which we have actively cooperated with the regulatory agencies and repeatedly demonstrated our willingness to consider alternative methods in order to achieve our common goal of safe and protective remediation. It is our intention to continue operating in this manner. To that end, DuPont has extended a proposal to USEPA to conduct additional investigations to evaluate the greater Pompton Lake system while moving forward with the Pompton Lake Delta remediation as submitted to USEPA.

Specifically, DuPont proposes that while sediments are being removed from the Delta area, the USEPA, USFWS, and DuPont develop a framework to collect additional data for the Ramapo River and Pompton Lake outside the sediment removal area. This data will be used to establish baseline conditions within Pompton Lake and the Ramapo River channel to the Pompton Dam for the purpose of evaluating environmental conditions and to support the completion of an additional ecological risk assessment.

Upon establishing an agreed upon scope for the additional work outlined above, DuPont would submit a plan and schedule for accomplishing the work to the USEPA, which would then be incorporated into the existing site permit compliance schedule. As data from these efforts become available, DuPont and the regulatory agencies would review the results to determine the appropriate next steps. The compliance schedule could then be updated to include additional activities as necessary.

DuPont is committed to this community and hopes that USEPA will accept our most recent proposal. Our goal is to involve the community in this process and I encourage those interested in learning more about our programs to contact us at 973-492-7703 or visit our remediation project information center located at 223 Wanaque Avenue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Epps".

David E. Epps, P.G.  
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