



Black Leaf Chemical Site (Louisville, KY)

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Mr. Gonzalez,

Per information received from Occidental Chemical Corp., the EPA has reason to believe that your company, Maxus Energy, is a potentially responsible party at the Black Leaf Chemical Site located at 1391 Dixie Highway in Louisville. As a result, the agency anticipates sending Maxus Energy a general notice letter in the upcoming days. Because of the time element in removal cases, we simply cannot delay enforcement efforts.

I understand that your company is seeking to begin its investigation on the issue of liability at the Site. In order to facilitate this review, I am including a brief summary of operations/ownership at the Site that you may find helpful. As I explained, this is a time-critical removal, so time is of the essence. If there is additional information that I can provide to facilitate this review, please let me know. Similarly, if it we can facilitate between your company and Occidental, please let us know. I believe you already have a copy of the general notice letter and information request sent to Occidental. Please be aware that these same questions will be posed to Maxus Energy, so you may consider reviewing these questions before beginning your investigation.

- The Site is located on a 29-acre parcel of land.
- Owners/Operators: 1924-1953 Tobacco By-Products and Chemical Corporation; 1953 Virginia Carolina Chemical Co.; 1955 Diamond Black Leaf Company; 1957 Diamond Alkali Co.; 1959 Schenley Distillers; 1993 Lanham Lumber & Dry Kiln Co., Inc.; 1999 U.S. Woods; 1999 Louisville Industrial Park LLC. The current owner purchased the property but has not maintained any operations onsite.
- The agency believes that historic operations, including pesticide and insecticide formulating, resulted in the contamination at the Site.
- Initial findings reveal exceedances of pesticides, DDT, Dieldrin, and PAHs. The EPA is currently awaiting additional sampling results and anticipates sampling on adjacent properties to determine the extent of contamination.

If you would like specific documents, please submit a FOIA request, and I will respond as quickly as I am able. http://www.epa.gov/foia/make_a_request.html

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Regards,
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