

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Community Involvement Plan

Allied Paper Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund
Site

Allegan and Kalamazoo County

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Introduction

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency prepared this Community Involvement Plan for the Allied Paper Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site. This CIP revises a Community Relations Plan completed in May 1991 by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, now the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. It provides background information on the site and recommends activities for EPA to continue to inform the public and local officials about progress at the site and to encourage community involvement during the site cleanup.

This CIP also discusses the concerns of residents within the site area and ways for EPA to address them. The information in this plan is primarily based on discussions with residents during January through March and in June 2002.

Site Description

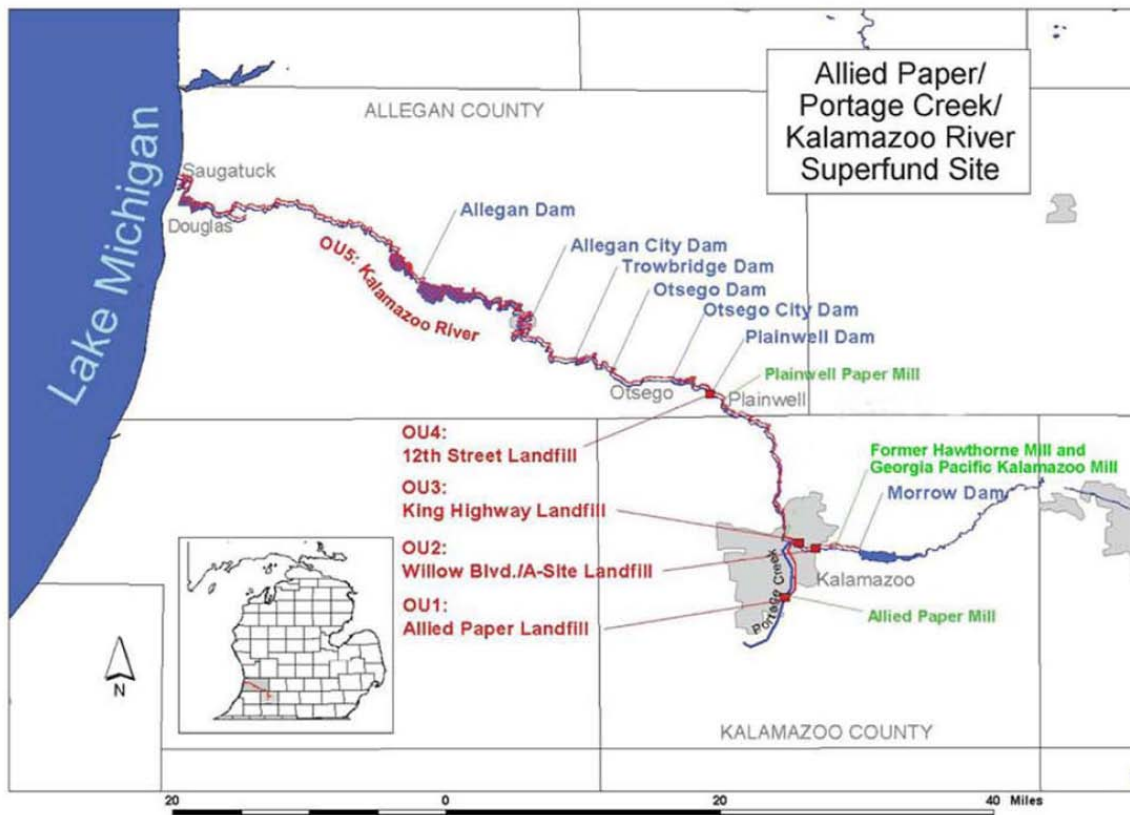
Location and Site Features

The Allied Paper Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site is in Kalamazoo and Allegan counties in southwestern Michigan (Figure 1). The site includes five disposal areas; six paper mill properties; the Kalamazoo River, a tributary of Lake Michigan that flows in a northwesterly direction; and Portage Creek, a tributary of the Kalamazoo River that flows north.

The site includes 3 miles of Portage Creek to its confluence with the Kalamazoo River and the Kalamazoo River from this confluence downstream 35 miles to the Allegan City Dam in Allegan. Because PCBs (chemicals commonly used in electrical and hydraulic equipment and found in used motor oil) have migrated downstream, the Superfund remedial investigation includes the area to the mouth of the Kalamazoo River at Lake Michigan, about 80 miles long.

EPA has broken the site into a set of seven contaminated areas called operable units (OUs) that are being addressed individually:

- **Operable Unit 1, Allied Paper Landfill Property/Bryan Mill Pond Area** – a 71-acre site in the city of Kalamazoo along Portage Creek, about 3 miles upstream of its confluence with the Kalamazoo River
- **Operable Unit 2, Willow Boulevard/A-Site Landfill** – a 32-acre site in the city of Kalamazoo along the Kalamazoo River
- **Operable Unit 3, King Highway Landfill** – a 6-acre site in the city of Kalamazoo along the Kalamazoo River
- **Operable Unit 4, 12th Street Landfill** – a 6.5-acre site northwest of the city of Plainwell along the Kalamazoo River
- **Operable Unit 5, Kalamazoo River** – about 80 miles of the Kalamazoo River
- **Operable Unit 6, Georgia-Pacific Kalamazoo Mill and Former Hawthorne Mill Properties** – located in the city of Kalamazoo, north of OU2, across the Kalamazoo River
- **Operable Unit 7, Plainwell Mill Property** – located in the city of Plainwell



Complex Superfund cleanup sites are divided into smaller parts called “operable units.” The Kalamazoo River site has several OUs.

Figure 1: Operable units within the site under investigation

Site Background

History

Over the years, the Kalamazoo River has been used as a power source for paper mills that were built along the river and a disposal site for the paper mills and the communities adjacent to the river. The Kalamazoo River, like other rivers in industrialized areas, was used as a disposal site for waste materials such as sawdust and animal carcasses. By 1869, water quality in the Kalamazoo River had become so undesirable, many communities along the river stopped using it as a source of drinking water.

By the early 1950s, fish deaths and odor problems plagued the river because of the waste dumped in the river by adjacent mills. In 1971, PCBs were identified as a problem in the Kalamazoo River. In 1978, the Michigan Department of Public Health issued an advisory warning against eating fish from the river because they were contaminated with PCBs. In 1984, MDNR began a long-term project to clean up the river after it was listed in the Michigan Environmental Response Act.

On August 30, 1990, in response to the quantity and extent of PCB contamination, this site was officially included on the National Priorities List pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Superfund) 1980 PA 96-510.

Contaminants

The primary site contaminants are PCBs, hazardous substances, and probable human carcinogens. PCBs are mixtures of synthetic and organic contaminants with properties ranging from oily liquids to waxy solids. PCBs were used in hundreds of industrial and commercial applications, including electrical, heat transfer and hydraulic equipment. In addition, PCBs were used as plasticizers in paints, plastics and rubber products and in pigments such as dyes and carbonless copy paper. EPA banned PCB production in 1977 because of its adverse effects on human health and the environment.

PCBs were introduced to Portage Creek and the Kalamazoo River through past discharges and disposal of PCB-contaminated paper residuals by the paper industry. The five disposal areas are situated on the river banks and contain millions of cubic yards of PCB-contaminated waste. It has been estimated that the river sediment contains over 350,000 pounds of PCBs. The contaminated sediment has largely been deposited in four impoundment areas.

Potentially Responsible Parties

The state identified the following potentially responsible parties liable for contamination at this site:

- Millennium Holdings Inc./Allied Paper Inc.
- Georgia-Pacific Corp.
- Plainwell Paper Inc.
- Fort James Corp.

The four parties together are known as the Kalamazoo River Study Group. The state and the four parties have entered into a settlement under which the Kalamazoo River Study Group has agreed to conduct and pay for clean up at the site. The agreement, embodied in an “administrative order on consent,” is legally enforceable in court. The agreement called for the responsible parties to fund and conduct studies into the nature and extent of contamination at the site (called a remedial investigation) and complete a study of cleanup alternatives for the site (called a feasibility study) and reimburse the state for oversight.

Cleanup Progress

The trustees for natural resources are conducting a natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) to determine the amount of restoration needed to return the Kalamazoo River area to the condition it would have been had the release of hazardous substances not occurred and to compensate the public for the loss of use and enjoyment of their natural resources. Agencies acting for the trustees for this NRDA are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MDEQ, Michigan Department of the Attorney General, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

In July 2001, MDEQ announced that it would request EPA to take back, over time, the enforcement lead on the site. In February 2002, EPA officially took the lead on the site with the signing of a site-specific memorandum of agreement, which defined new EPA and MDEQ roles and responsibilities and the transition time for each OU. Although EPA has the lead on the site, MDEQ will continue to have significant input on the decisions for appropriate cleanup. Below is a summary of the transition schedule for the OUs that has been agreed upon by EPA and MDEQ.

Operable Unit 1, Allied Paper Landfill Property/Bryan Mill Pond Area

- MDEQ will keep this OU through completion of the remedial investigation report, which will document the studies into the nature and extent of contamination at the site.
- EPA will take the lead on completing the study of cleanup alternatives for the site (feasibility study), the proposed cleanup plan, explaining the selected cleanup plan in the record of decision (ROD), designing the cleanup plan, and conducting the cleanup itself.

Operable Unit 2, Willow Boulevard/A-Site Landfill

- MDEQ completed the study of cleanup alternatives for the site in spring 2003.
- EPA took the lead on the proposed cleanup plan and issued an explanation of the cleanup plan in a September 2006 ROD. EPA will complete the cleanup plan design and conduct the site cleanup.

Operable Unit 3, King Highway Landfill

- MDEQ will remain lead on this OU. It is overseeing operations and maintenance of the site cleanup.

Operable Unit 4, 12th Street Landfill

- EPA is developing the engineering specifications for the site cleanup and will conduct the cleanup.

Operable Unit 5, 80 miles of the Kalamazoo River and a 3-mile stretch of Portage Creek

- EPA, MDEQ, and the potentially responsible parties are engaged in mediated negotiations.

Operable Unit 6, Georgia-Pacific Kalamazoo Mill and Former Hawthorne Mill Properties

- EPA is preparing legal documentation for an emergency cleanup. Under this action, approximately 35,000 cubic yards of PCB-contaminated material will be excavated from the former mill properties and disposed of at the A-site landfill portion of OU2.

Operable Unit 7, Plainwell Mill Property

- EPA is overseeing studies into the nature and extent of contamination at the site and will complete the study of cleanup alternatives for the site. (Expected to begin in fall 2006.)

Communities Background

The Kalamazoo River or a tributary of it crosses through many communities, including the townships of Allegan, Cooper, Gun Plain, Kalamazoo, Otsego, Saugatuck, Trowbridge and Valley, and the cities of Allegan, Fennville, Kalamazoo, Otsego, Parchment, Plainwell, Portage and Saugatuck.

The Kalamazoo River runs through the northeastern portion of the city of Kalamazoo, which is the largest community in the site area. Kalamazoo is known as an educational and cultural center. It is surrounded by the cities of Portage and Parchment and the towns of Cooper and Kalamazoo.

Downstream of Kalamazoo are the cities of Plainwell and Otsego, otherwise known as the "Twin Cities." Each of these cities is supported by its major employers, a paper

manufacturer in Plainwell and a brass fittings manufacturer in Otsego. These cities are surrounded by the townships of Gun Plain, Otsego, and Trowbridge.

The city of Allegan is downstream of the Twin Cities. The city of Allegan, the county seat of Allegan County and the largest city in the county, serves as a commercial and financial center for the surrounding townships, including Allegan and Valley. Lake Allegan, the largest impoundment on the Kalamazoo River, is in this area.

The next community downstream is the city of Fennville, an agricultural community also known as “Goosetown” because of the large population of Canada geese that make their temporary home at the Fennville State Game Area. Although Fennville is not directly on the Kalamazoo River, the residents still enjoy the benefits that the river provides, such as recreational opportunities.

The last community the Kalamazoo River passes through before it enters Lake Michigan is the city of Saugatuck. Saugatuck is a resort community on Lake Michigan that attracts thousands of temporary residents to summer cottages and other resort facilities. Marinas and other recreational services also are important in this area.

The communities within the site area have experienced various amounts of growth from 1990 to 2000 (see Table 1). The town of Valley experienced the greatest growth with almost 60 percent followed by the city of Fennville with almost 43 percent growth. The town of Otsego, however, experienced the greatest reduction in population by nearly 18 percent. Between 1990 and 2000, nine of the 16 communities experienced a growth rate below the state’s rate of approximately 7 percent.

TABLE 1 - ALLIED PAPER COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

Community	Population (1990)	Population (2000)	Percent Change (1990 - 2000)
Town of Allegan	3,976	4,050	+1.9
Town of Cooper	8,442	8,754	+3.7
Town of Gun Plain	4,754	5,637	+18.6
Town of Kalamazoo	20,976	21,675	+3.3
Town of Otsego	4,780	3,933	-17.7
Town of Saugatuck	2,916	3,590	+23.1
Town of Trowbridge	2,328	2,519	+8.2
Town of Valley	1,145	1,831	+59.9
City of Allegan	4,547	4,838	+6.4
City of Fennville	1,023	1,459	+42.6
City of Kalamazoo	80,277	77,145	-3.9
City of Otsego	3,937	3,933	-0.1
City of Parchment	1,958	1,936	-1.1

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Community	Population (1990)	Population (2000)	Percent Change (1990 - 2000)
City of Plainwell	4,057	3,933	-3.1
City of Portage	41,042	44,897	+9.4
City of Saugatuck	954	1,065	+11.6
Allegan County	90,509	105,665	+6.7
Kalamazoo County	223,411	238,603	+6.8
State of Michigan	9,295,297	9,938,444	+6.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 and 2000.

Status of Community Involvement Activities

MDEQ has been conducting community involvement activities for this site since January 1985 when community meetings were held prior to developing the cleanup plan for the area of concern. Several community meetings have been held with residents, local elected officials, and community organizations to discuss various issues (see Appendix B). Some of the issues that have been discussed at these meetings include the development of the studies into the nature and extent of contamination at the site and cleanup alternatives for the site, topics specific to each of the operable units, air and soil investigation results, status of field work, and project updates.

Fact sheets or meeting announcements were distributed to those listed on the mailing list, which included area residents, local officials, and other interested parties, to announce community meetings and update the public on site activities. MDEQ's Web site contains information about the site and announces upcoming events.

Community Issues and Concerns

When EPA took the lead on the site, it also took the lead on community involvement activities. To learn more about the communities' concerns and issues regarding the site, EPA conducted several community interviews in January (16-18) and February (6, 27, and 28), 2002. These interviews consisted of speaking with representatives of towns, cities, counties, environmental and community organizations, and residents. Interviewees were asked about their thoughts regarding the site's community involvement process, what was working and not working, and for suggestions on how the process could be improved.

Summary of Community Interview Questions

Below is a summary of the answers given during the community interview process.

1. How long have you been following the activities at the site?

The majority of people interviewed were long-time residents of the area and had been following or had known about the site and its activities.

2. What are your concerns regarding the site's public involvement process?

Some people stated they had regularly attended the community meetings while others had chosen not to attend the discussions because the meetings were crowded and they were frustrated by the political process.

3. Do you use the river? If so, how do you use it?

Many people stated they use the river for recreational purposes such as fishing, hunting, and canoeing.

4. What contacts have you had with government officials about the site?

Only a few people had contacted government officials about the site. Contacts mostly consisted of letters to elected officials, legislators, state agencies, and EPA.

5. Do you feel that local, MDEQ, and EPA officials have been responsive to your concerns?

Many people said they were unhappy with MDEQ officials and how they had responded to the public's concerns and questions.

6. How often (e.g., weekly, bimonthly, monthly) do you believe the meetings should be held?

The majority of people stated that the meetings should only be held if there was new information to present. Otherwise, there would not be much benefit to the public and would actually promote disinterest in the meetings. Quarterly meetings, meetings every 2 months, and a minimum of 6 weeks between meetings were suggested. A few people expressed the need for meetings that would educate the public about certain topics, such as PCBs and the Superfund process.

7. Where do you believe the meetings are best held or should be held?

Many people said Plainwell is a good meeting location. Others suggested meeting locations in areas such as Kalamazoo, the Griswold Auditorium in Allegan, the Saugatuck elementary and high schools, the Saugatuck town and city halls, and the Western Michigan University campus conference center. In addition, some people suggested that the meeting locations be rotated among the areas of Saugatuck, Allegan, Plainwell, and Kalamazoo.

8. How do you feel about the way the information about the site is being distributed?

Overall, people were satisfied with the way the information has been distributed. However, a couple of people stated that the information given at community meetings was usually the same type of information given previously. As a result, it did not make good use of the meeting time.

9. Are you interested in receiving more information about the site? If yes, what kinds of information would you like to receive from EPA, and what is the best way to get that information to you?

Some people stated that the best way to distribute information about the site was through fact sheets mailed to those on the site's mailing list. Others suggested e-mail, newspapers, and Internet sites. One person suggested that letters regarding any new development should be sent to all property owners adjacent to the site.

10. Do you feel that the site problems and events have been adequately covered by local, state, and/or regional media?

Overall, people believe the media has been doing an adequate job presenting the information about the site and its activities. A few individuals thought that some information from the media is biased toward businesses, and that some information has been inaccurate.

11. What type of media do you rely on to get information about the site?

The majority of information about the site and its activities is gained through several area newspapers. The main newspaper sources are the *Kalamazoo Gazette*, *Allegan County News*, and *Grand Rapids Press*. Other sources included several publications from *Flashes Publications*, *Community Shoppers Guide*, *Holland Sentinel*, *Commercial Record*, and *Union Enterprise*.

Issues and Concerns

A number of issues and concerns about various topics were brought to EPA's attention during the community interview process. These issues and concerns, grouped by subject, include the following:

Potentially Responsible Parties

- Perception that PRPs are in control of the process
- Concern with blaming paper mills that were not doing anything wrong at the time

EPA

- Needs to show that it is in charge
- Needs to state goals that are achievable
- Needs to discuss what the limitations of the law are
- Needs to have EPA "big hitters"/experts present at the community meetings
- Needs to give firm promises
- Needs to let the public know what the upcoming workload will be like
- Needs to do things methodically
- Needs to give its bottom line, especially regarding dams
- Needs to be honest and be able to say that the best is being done
- The last remedial project manager paid too much attention to the PRPs
- The RPM needs to set the ground rules at the meetings
- The RPM needs to speak directly to the public about the site and its activities
- There are big expectations of EPA
- Concerns with the number of staff turnovers lately
- Must address credibility issues
- A flowchart/graphic of MDEQ and EPA roles during cleanup is needed

MDEQ

- Strong suspicions that Scott Cornelius/MDEQ was replaced because of the PRPs' influence
- Need to clearly define MDEQ's current role

Community Meetings

- Meetings have been over-crowded
- Meetings always consist of the same people
- Meetings should only be held if new information is presented
- Concern with meeting dates being changed a lot
- Concern with the number of meetings cancelled over the last year

- Recommends setting up a series of meetings and using someone neutral as a buffer between the public and EPA to help address the lack of trust between the two

Media

- Concern about information that has appeared in the *Kalamazoo Gazette* regarding remediation
- Concern about a “quality of fishing” article in the *Kalamazoo Gazette* because it did not mention the fish consumption advisory for the river
- Concerns that the newspapers are pro-business
- Concerns that the media tends to be biased toward PRPs
- EPA needs to make sure that the mass media is giving out accurate information

Repositories

- The repository at the Kalamazoo Public Library is disorganized
- Information repositories are not always useful

Site Issues

- Concern with the Allegan Dam and its impact to power
- Suggest that if Lake Allegan is going to be drained in order to take out the sediment, then the tree stumps in the lake should be taken out as well
- Concern with seepage and venting problems that have been observed from the Bryant Mill Pond site

Community Involvement Process

- Would like to see results posted for public viewing (that is, on the Web site)
- Need to ask the county health departments if they have any plans that go with the fish consumption advisory
- Need to ask the municipalities if they have a plan on how to answer their community’s questions about the site
- Need to include minorities (Hispanic) in community outreach activities
- The approach to public involvement is important
- Suggest the RPM has regular open office hours
- Need more funding for technical assistance grants
- Need to make strong statements to work with communities
- Need to address issues that are based on local conditions versus national conditions
- Need to educate the public with current information and data about PCBs
- Communities need to help educate their residents about the fish advisories
- Fact sheets should include upcoming events and not past events

Local Government

- Concern that some local officials are not worried about the site

- Concern that the city of Kalamazoo is doing things that are making people think that things are okay with the river
- Concern that the city of Allegan is promoting their riverwalk but makes no mention of the site

Miscellaneous

- Did not know about TAG
- Suggests that there are three groups of people: those who have been lied to, those who have been involved over the years, and those who want to do something
- Public is very educated about the site and its issues
- Lots of trust issues
- Concern that the Kalamazoo Nature Center promotes fishing but does not distribute fish consumption advisory or anything about contamination
- There are questions about damage assessment

Frequently Asked Questions

In addition to expressing their issues and concerns about the site, those interviewed also had a lot of questions about the site and its activities. The most frequently asked questions during the community involvement process included the following:

- Why more studies? Why not use the studies you have now?
- Why is it taking so long? What is the time line for the Allied Paper cleanup?
- Who is in charge: MDEQ, MDNR, and/or EPA?
- Why don't we start cleaning up now?
- Why is there so much conflicting information as it relates to the study?
- Why not compose a comparison fact sheet of the studies that have been done at the site?
- Why are you dredging the whole river?
- Why not install steel pilings in order to redirect the flow of the waste and contamination?
- Are you providing information to the people who live directly near the site?
- What are we to do about the dams?
- What did the article mean in the [*Kalamazoo*] *Gazette* about natural attenuation? What does that mean?
- Why hasn't anything happened since Scott Cornelius/MDEQ has been taken off the project?
- What are the TAG folks doing at the site?
- Why does EPA allow the same people to speak more than others at meetings?

Proposed Community Involvement Activities

The next step for EPA is to address the above issues, concerns, and questions that were expressed by the public about the site by implementing the following:

Fact Sheets

EPA will continue mailing out fact sheets to those on the site's mailing list as a way to give updates on the site and its activities. The fact sheets will be mailed out periodically to inform the public about upcoming meetings and important technical information. EPA also will make fact sheets available at each town and city hall.

Community Meetings

As stated earlier, community meetings have been occurring regularly in the site area since 1985. EPA will continue holding these community meetings but will hold them quarterly and in different locations within the site area each time. For example, one quarter, the meeting will be held in Kalamazoo, and the next quarter, the meeting will be held in Allegan. By rotating the meeting locations, it will allow people the opportunity to attend a meeting closer to home and will give EPA the opportunity to meet with more and different people in the different communities. In addition, EPA will attend meetings by local environmental groups as requested.

In order to address the public's concern about holding meetings only when new information is available, EPA will alternate the content of the quarterly community meetings between updates about the site and meetings about a specific topic. These special topic meetings will allow EPA to keep a constant presence in the area while at the same time, presenting new information to the public. Some examples of topics will include a community involvement meeting to discuss the plan and meetings that will cover topics, such as dredging, PCBs and their dangers, and human health and animal risks. EPA will present information, answer questions, address concerns about the topic, and gather input from the public. Other topics will be chosen based on public comments.

All meetings held will be added to the table in Appendix B.

Local Government Meetings

It was suggested during the community interviews that EPA should meet with more government officials from each community that surrounds the site. One way EPA can achieve this goal is to notify each community about the Agency's willingness to present information and to answer questions about the site at the community's city or town board meetings. These presentations will give local officials of a community an opportunity to learn about the site and its activities and to ask EPA questions.

EPA will try to hold meetings with local officials during the same day of the quarterly community meetings. These meetings will give local government officials an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns with EPA about the site and its activities.

A contact list of government officials for each community can be found in Appendix A.

Tribal Coordination

Due to potential impacts on tribal lands, coordination with Indian tribes is warranted. The coordination will include tribal meetings (government to government) on a quarterly or other regular basis; the first meeting addressed the site and cleanup basics, including where, when, and how long the work will take. EPA will consider developing contingency plans on accidents. EPA also will determine if other related tributaries of the Kalamazoo River affect the tribes. When possible, EPA will take tribal historical preservation into consideration, especially tribal burial sites. EPA is considering setting up a tribal repository in addition to the other information repositories.

Open Office Hours

EPA will hold open office hours, which will give the public an opportunity to meet EPA's community involvement coordinator, ask questions, and express their suggestions and concerns about the project. The open office hours will be held, as needed, in various locations throughout the project area. The following locations have been contacted as possible locations for open office hours:

- Kalamazoo City Hall, City Commission Chambers; Contact Kenneth P. Collard (City Manager) at (269) 337-8047
- Otsego City Hall, Conference Room; Contact Thad M. Beard (City Manager) at (269) 692-3391
- Saugatuck City Hall; Contact Kirk Harrier (City Manager) at (269) 857-2603
- Allegan City Hall, Auditorium or Police Department; Contact Rob Hillard (City Manager) at (616) 673-5511
- Western Michigan University, Environmental Institute; Contact Enedelia Rodriguez (Office Coordinator) at (269) 387-5870
- Kalamazoo Nature Center; Contact Dr. Bill Rose (President) or the Facility Rentals Office at (269) 381-1574, ext. 37

Information Repositories

Six information repositories, where project information is available, have been set up in libraries in Kalamazoo (two locations), Plainwell, Otsego, Allegan, and Saugatuck/Douglas. During the community interview process, a couple of people stated that they did not find the repositories useful because they were not organized. EPA will organize each of these repositories to make it easier for the public to use, including possibly placing the repository information on a CD-ROM.

A contact list of repositories can be found in Appendix A.

Media Relations

EPA will continue to be available to the local media. Most of the people that were interviewed stated that the area's newspapers and television stations provide good coverage of the site and its activities. The most widely read newspapers are the *Kalamazoo Gazette* and the *Allegan County News*. EPA will continue to publish notices in these newspapers as well as area weekly newspapers, such as *Allegan Flashes* and the *Shoppers Guide*, which were determined from the community interviews as widely read newspapers.

A contact list of all media services can be found in Appendix A.

Technical Assistance Grant

During the community interview process, some people stated that they were unaware of TAG and its function. EPA will work on getting the word out about TAG and what it does through fact sheets and meetings. It also will work more regularly with the TAG recipient to assist them in getting their information out to the public.

Internet

EPA has set up a Web site (www.epa.gov/region5/sites/kalproject) that it will maintain and regularly update. The Web site will contain information about activities and upcoming meetings, fact sheets, news releases, and technical documents including this document.

MDEQ also has been maintaining a Web site (www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3311_4109_4217-84646--,00.html).

EPA Presence and Contacts

EPA's community involvement coordinators and remedial project manager will respond to inquiries from those interested in the site throughout the cleanup. They also will be available to speak to local citizen groups upon request. EPA's toll-free telephone number and the project staff's direct numbers and e-mail addresses will be included on all community involvement material.

Appendix A

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Summary of Meetings		
Date	Type of Meeting	Agenda Topics
January 8, 1985	Public	Remedial Action Plan
January 10, 1985	Public	Remedial Action Plan
April 1985	Public	Comments on Remedial Action Plan
May 1986	Public	Removal of Plainwell, Otsego, and Trowbridge dams
December 1986	Public	Remedial Action Plan
March 21, 1990	Public	
May 3, 1990	Public	
September 11, 1990	Public	
December 5, 1990	Elected Officials	Project overview
December 12, 1990	Public	Site history; Project overview; Status report
March 19, 1991	Public	Project overview
January 7, 1992	Elected officials/Community Leaders	Project overview
January 15, 1992	Public	Site history; Project overview; Superfund process overview
October 21, 1992	Public	PCB field methods demonstration project
December 2, 1992	Kalamazoo River Protection Agency	Role of Kalamazoo River Protection Association as Technical Assistant Grant recipient
January 13, 1993	Government Advisory Council	Kick-off organizational meeting
February 17, 1993	Public	Overview of Operable Units; Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study work plan development
February 23, 1993	Government Advisory Council	Overview of operable units; Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study work plan development
March 3, 1993	Public	Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study work plan development overview/status
March 10, 1993	Government Advisory Council	DCS report overview; 12th St. operable unit test pit investigation; PCB field method; air investigation
March 18, 1993	Citizens Advisory Council	DCS report overview; 12th St. operable unit test pit investigation; PCB field method; air investigation
April 14, 1993	Citizens Advisory Council	12th St. operable unit test pit investigation
April 21, 1993	Government Advisory Council	12th St. operable unit test pit investigation
June 3, 1993	Public	Air monitoring in Lakewood residential area
June 23, 1993	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study work plans; Preliminary Health Assessment report
August 18, 1993	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	Status of field work; Biota Sampling Plan development
November 3, 1993	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	Status of field work; 12th St. operable unit test pit investigation
November 18, 1993	Sierra Club	Update and overview by MDEQ
December 8, 1993	Public	Summary of 1993 field work

January 12, 1994	Citizens Advisory Council	Floodplains soils investigation results
January 13, 1994	Government Advisory Council	Floodplains soils investigation results
March 9, 1994	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	King Highway Landfill – Remedial Investigation results
May 18, 1994	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	Air investigation results
July 20, 1994	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	12th St.- Remedial Investigation results
August 24, 1994	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	King Highway Landfill -Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan
September 14, 1994	Public	King Highway Landfill -Proposed Plan
September 28, 1994	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	Willow Boulevard/A-site – Remedial Investigation preliminary results
March 8, 1995	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	Willow Boulevard/A-site – Remedial Investigation preliminary results; King Highway Landfill-Cell 4
October 24, 1995	Kalamazoo River Protection Association	Attended Kalamazoo River Protection Association meeting
November 29, 1995	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	Project status and scheduling overview
June 12, 1996	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	Biota Investigation
February 27, 1997	Kalamazoo Environmental Council	Project Update
March 6, 1997	Kalamazoo River Protection Association	Project update
June 10, 1997	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	Project update
June 18, 1997	Lake Michigan Forum	Bryant Mill Pond briefing
July 16, 1997	Public	King Highway Landfill -Revised Proposed Plan
August 13, 1997	Public	12th St. - Proposed Plan
March 25, 1998	Public	
December 16, 1998	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	
June 23, 1999	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	
August 25, 1999	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	ERA, Kalamazoo River Study Group - Proposed sediment sampling
December 15, 1999	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	
February 7, 2000	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	
March 22, 2000	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	New project manager, Allied Paper & Willow Boulevard/A-site -site updates
June 28, 2000	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	HHRA, Update on RI/FS, operable units, Phase I & II sampling
September 20, 2000	Government Advisory Council / Citizens Advisory Council	Biological Data (MSU), Remedial Investigation update, Remedial Options
October 25, 2000	Citizens Advisory Council	Technical Assistance Grant, Citizens groups, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Phase II sampling, Alternatives for sediments
December 20, 2000	Citizens Advisory Council	MDNR Dams, Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, Community groups
February 7, 2001	Citizens Advisory Council	Community groups (Kalamazoo Environmental Council, LWV, Kalamazoo River Watershed Council, Kalamazoo River Protection Association)
May 2, 2001	Citizens Advisory Council	RI/FS review, EPA data collection

July 25, 2001	Citizens Advisory Council	12th St. & Allied Paper - EPA sampling, EPA lead, Kalamazoo River Watershed Council
February 5, 2002	Public	Update on project, new EPA remedial project manager
March 14, 2002	Community Involvement Workshop in Kalamazoo	Part of a series of workshops to gather ideas from the community as to how to proceed with the site's community involvement process. Input will be included in this Community Involvement Plan.
May 29, 2002	Kalamazoo River Watershed Council/Kalamazoo River Protection Association	EPA explains clean-up plan for Kalamazoo River
June 18, 2002	Community Involvement Workshops (2) in Saugatuck/Douglas	Part of a series of workshops to gather ideas from the community as to how to proceed with the site's community involvement process. Input will be included in this Community Involvement Plan.
June 19, 2002	Community Involvement Workshops (2) in Allegan	Part of a series of workshops to gather ideas from the community as to how to proceed with the site's community involvement process. Input will be included in this Community Involvement Plan.
August 19, 2002	Kalamazoo River Watershed Council	EPA provides project schedule update
December 12, 2002	Public Meeting	Ecological Risk Assessment Update
May 29, 2003	Kalamazoo River Protection Association	Project update, explanation of the ROD for dredging of Fox River – EPA update on Allied Paper/Portage Creek/ Kalamazoo River superfund Site
June 26, 2003	Public Meeting	Final Ecological Risk Assessment update
June 29, 2004	Public Meeting	Ecological Risk Assessment Update
August 18, 2004	Community Involvement Workshops	Quantitative Environmental Analysis (QEA) provides information about the Kalamazoo River PCB Fate and a transport modeling study on how and when the people will be able to safely eat the fish
October 19, 2004	Kalamazoo River Protection Association	Explanation of Superfund Law and Procedures for sediment sites
August 3, 2005	Public Meeting	EPA provides clean-up plan for Willow Boulevard/A-Site Landfill