



FACILITY CLEANUP

*RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT PROGRAM
CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM*

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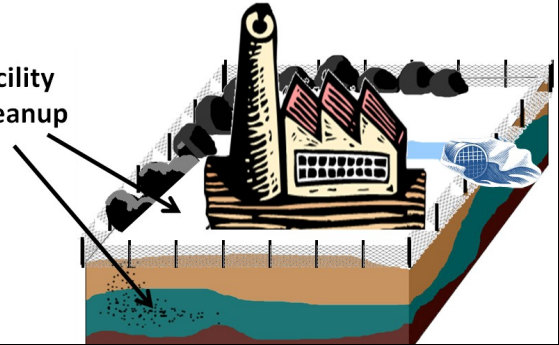
INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing to the community a change in the direction of the RCRA Cleanup Program. The RCRA federal program is now focusing its attention on the environmental issues “inside-the-fenceline” of Walter Coke, Inc.

EPA has identified several on-site areas that need further attention, which are within the following locations at the 400-acre, 92-year old coke manufacturing facility:

- Active facility operations
- Former Fiber Plant
- Former Chemical Plant
- Active Wastewater/Stormwater Units
- Land Disposal Area

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BACKGROUND ON RCRA

The Congressional law, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA, pronounced ‘rick-ra’) authorizes EPA to require facilities to examine the nature and extent of their potential pollution to protect human health and/or the environment. The lead regulatory program on the investigating and cleanup of “inside-the-fenceline” facility areas of Walter Coke is the EPA’s RCRA Corrective Action program in the Southeast Region 4 Office in Atlanta.

To better address overall environmental protection, the RCRA Cleanup Program, also known as the RCRA Corrective Action Program, is now drafting a new Order for Walter Coke, Inc. The Order will consolidate all the compliance activities that Walter Coke needs to do to assess and cleanup on-site issues, such as contaminated soil and groundwater. EPA anticipates the Order will be completed and negotiated with Walter Coke, Inc., within the next 4-6 months.

EPA’s goal is to keep the local community informed and engaged. During key milestones of assessment and cleanup, the Corrective Action Program will have meaningful community involvement.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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This EPA program will continue to promote community engagement.