

COMMODORE SEMICONDUCTOR GROUP SUPERFUND SITE COMMUNITY UPDATE FACT SHEET NORRISTOWN, PA / REGION 3

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UPCOMING WORK AT THE SITE

The public may notice some activity at the Site starting in the Fall 2022. EPA will be investigating contamination on the 960 Rittenhouse Road property (known as Operable Unit 3 or OU3). A small drill rig will collect soil and groundwater samples near the site for approximately two to three weeks. Based on this initial screening, a larger drill rig will be on Site to install groundwater monitoring wells. Once these wells are in place, you may periodically see personnel and a pickup truck at the wells to sample the groundwater.

Once the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study are complete, a Proposed Cleanup Plan will be open for 30 days of public comment. Once public comments are gathered on the proposed plan, EPA will issue a final decision on OU3's cleanup called the Record of Decision (ROD). See the Superfund schedule on the back for next steps.



What You May See

- EPA and contractor personnel
- Mobile drill rig, intermittently in Fall 2022 & fullsize drill rig in Winter 2022/2023
- Utility markings
- Support equipment trucks
- Safety cones
- Pickup truck at the wells to sample groundwater
- Safety cones

An example of a small drill rig





Commodore Semiconductor Group Superfund site is located at Van Buren and Rittenhouse Roads, Norristown, PA 19403



Physical Image of Operable Unit 3 (960 Rittenhouse Road property)



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PUBLIC AVAILABILITY SESSIONS

EPA is holding informal meetings open to the public to learn about to site cleanup and ask question

Wednesday October 12, 4PM – 7PM
Bald Birds Brewery
970 Rittenhouse Rd Suite 400
Audubon, PA 19403
*Participants are responsible for their meal and drinks.

SITE BACKGROUND

Pennsylvania in Montgomery County in the Park Pointe business park, formerly known as the Valley Forge Corporate Center (VFCC). The 950 Rittenhouse Road property is 14-acres and was previously owned by Commodore Business Machines, a semiconductor manufacturer.

In 1992, EPA issued a remedy to clean the Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in groundwater at CSG in a Record of Decision (ROD). EPA often divides complex sites into several distinct zones to make cleanup actions more efficient; these areas are called operable units (OUs). This site consists of three Operable Units.

In 2022, OU3 was added to the Site to investigate sources contributing to groundwater contamination at CSG. 960 Rittenhouse Road (OU3) is across Van Buren Avenue from the original source area at 950 Rittenhouse Road.

The current Superfund process for OU3 is an investigation, called a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). The RI is a more in-depth study to determine the extent of contamination, as well as the risks posed to human health and the environment. The FS is the mechanism for the development, screening, and detailed evaluation of alternative clean up actions. The RI and FS are conducted at the same time.



Want More Information?

If you would like to learn more about the Commodore Site, visit the website or scan QR Code with your smartphone. Move your camera so the QR code is in the frame and able to be scanned. Hold the device steady until the camera app can read the code.

https://www.epa.gov/superfund/commodore



2020 Five Year Review Report https://semspub.epa.gov/work/03/2302583.pdf



Citizen's Guide to Superfund https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/175197



