

J.C. Cleaners, Gettysburg Borough, **Adams County**. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), pursuant to Sections 506(g)(1) and 506(h) of the Pennsylvania Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (HSCA), 35 P.S. §§ 6020.506(g)(1), (h), has decided to reopen the Administrative Record for J.C. Cleaners site (Site) to address changes in the selected remedial response to address contaminated groundwater, soils, and vapor intrusion issues at the Site.

The Site includes an approximately 0.17-acre property located at 30 West Railroad Street, Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania (Adams County Tax Parcel 16-007-0157-000). This property houses a former dry-cleaning facility (Facility) that consists of two masonry block buildings that share a common exterior wall. The areas immediately east and west of the Facility are asphalt paved.

In 1991, a remedial investigation revealed that the shallow and deep portions of the bedrock aquifer in the vicinity of the Facility contained concentrations of tetrachloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), and 1,2-Dichloroethylene (1,2-DCE) that exceeded their respective Pennsylvania Land Recycling and Remediation Standards Act (Act 2), 35 P.S. §§ 6026.101 – 6026.908, Medium-Specific Concentrations. This contamination resulted from wastewater discharges from the dry-cleaning process into a leaking sewer drain located inside the Facility. Further investigation at the Site identified the presence of TCE, PCE and 1,2-DCE in groundwater and the presence of benzene, TCE, and PCE, in sub-slab vapor at the Site.

Benzene, TCE, PCE, and 1,2-DCE are volatile organic compounds (collectively “Contaminants of Concern” or “COCs”) that are “hazardous wastes,” as that term is defined under Solid Waste Management Act Section 103, 35 P.S. § 6018.103, and a “hazardous substance” as that term is defined under HSCA Section 103, 35 P.S. § 6020.103. The presence of these hazardous substances in Site groundwater and soils constituted a "release" and "threatened release" of hazardous substances at the Site. 35 P.S. § 6020.103.

The Site was added to the Pennsylvania Priority List of Hazardous Sites for Remedial Response (PAPL) on May 5, 1990. As identified in the 1994 Statement of Decision (SOD), the selected remedial response called for the vacuum extraction of the COCs from Site soils and remediation of COCs in Site groundwater via pumping of extraction wells installed at the Facility. Remedial systems, consisting of extraction wells and a Groundwater Treatment System (GWTS) incorporating an air stripper unit with vapor phase activated carbon units, were installed and began operation in 1997. The Site was subsequently removed from the PAPL on October 31, 1998. The remedial systems at the Site sustained an equipment failure in 2015.

Pursuant to HSCA Sections 506(g)(1) and 506(h), DEP proposes to reopen the Administrative Record for the Site to include a Revised SOD. This Revised SOD will update the selected soil and groundwater remediation standards for the Site and the remedial response for Site.

Specifically, the Revised ROD calls for the application of current, Act 2 Statewide Health Standards (SHS) to address the COCs in groundwater at the Site. The containment, extraction, and pathway elimination of the COC contamination, via the groundwater remedy as modified, would be through the ongoing pumping and treatment of the nearby Gettysburg Municipal Authority well number 6 (GMA-6) as opposed through previously installed onsite extraction wells and GWTS. Current Act 2 Non-residential, Site-Specific Standards (SSS), calculated

pursuant to the procedures provided by 25 Pa. Code § 250.305 and implemented via pathway elimination through the use of engineering controls and Activity Use Limitations (AULs), will be applied to Site soils and vapors.

These changes to the original remedial response and remedy referenced in the 1994 SOD, are due to: 1) the promulgation of updated, SHS and SSS environmental remediation standards under Act 2; (2) the failure of the on-Site extraction wells and GWTS to contain the COCs; (3) proven groundwater containment of on-Site COCs and pathway elimination via GMA-6; (4) use of engineering controls and AULs to eliminate pathways of soil contact or vapor inhalation exposure; and (5) the prohibitive cost nature and resulting redundancy in restoring the on-Site extraction wells and GWTS.

This notice is being provided pursuant to HSCA Section 605(h). The Site's administrative record, including the Revised SOD, will be available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at DEP's South-Central Regional Office (SCRO), 909 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110, by contacting Mr. Dennis Low at 717-705-4853 or delow@pa.gov Written comments regarding this action will be accepted from March 28, 2026 to April 28, 2026 by Mr. Low. The revised SOD will also be published on or about March 28, 2026 in the Gettysburg Times.

In the event that a public hearing on this action is requested, in writing, within 30 days of the publication of this notice, a public hearing will be held on May 14, 2026 at 59 East High Street, Gettysburg, PA, from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. If no such request is made, this hearing will be cancelled. Further information regarding the scheduling or cancellation of this public hearing can be obtained by contacting Dennis Low at delow@pa.gov or John Repetz at jrepetz@pa.gov.