

# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Burlington Industries Cheraw Site



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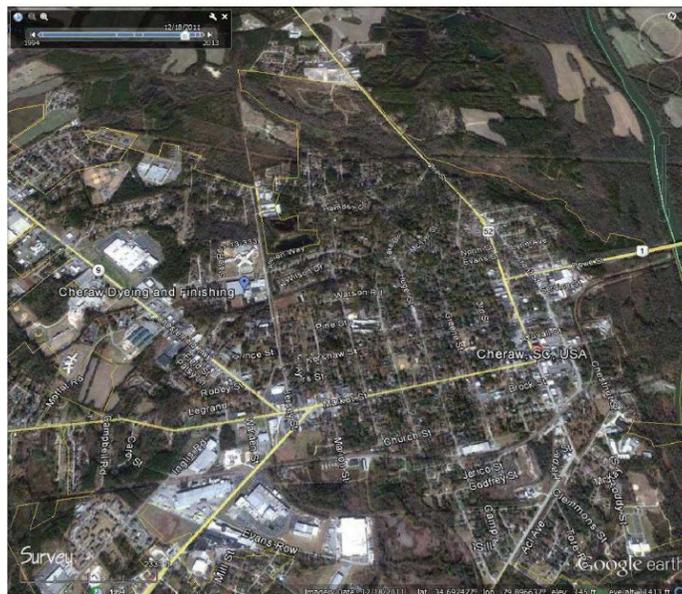
## Introduction

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 has completed a Removal Site Evaluation (RSE) at the Burlington Industries Cheraw Site (the Site) located in Cheraw, Chesterfield County, South Carolina. The Removal Site Evaluation was initiated at the request of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) following SC DHEC's completion of a Superfund Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection. Based on the information collected during the RSE, the On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) recommends the Site be given priority for removal.

## Background

The Burlington Industries Cheraw Site consists of the former Burlington Industries, Inc. facility property as well as 3.2 miles of surface water drainage from the facility to the Pee Dee River and the adjacent parcels along the pathway. Part of the former Burlington Industries, Inc. facility is currently owned by Highland Industries, Inc. (a division of Takata Corp.). Adjacent properties to the surface water drainage corridor include private residences and public lands. These include 37 occupied private residences and Huckleberry Park (a 2.7-acre public park with playground equipment for children).

During SC DHEC's investigation of a property in a residential neighborhood which was once owned by Burlington Industries and held wastewater solids drying beds, the presence of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) were found in surface soils. Subsequent sampling events found PCBs in surface and subsurface soils of adjacent residential lots, the former Burlington Industries property, sediments along the surface water corridor, and public and private properties downstream. The EPA Region 4 Superfund Site Evaluation Section reviewed and approved the Site Inspection submitted by SC DHEC in September 2016. Based on the high concentrations of PCBs at the Site, SC DHEC requested that the EPA Region 4 Emergency Response, Removal and Prevention Branch (ERRPB) conduct the RSE.



## EPA Planned Activities

Although the OSC has recommended that the Site be given priority for removal eligibility, the timing of a removal action is contingent upon availability of funds under the EPA's Superfund Removal Program. In the interim, the EPA will be obtaining access to impacted properties and will then collect soil samples to specifically determine which soils require remediation. Investigative activities will likely take place in February of 2017. Property owners will be contacted and updated directly. Public notices will be posted at [www.EPAOSC.org/BurlingtonCheraw](http://www.EPAOSC.org/BurlingtonCheraw).

## Outreach Activities

The EPA will also provide updated information to the community as activities at the site begin. An information repository will be established very soon; the repository will serve as a local, centralized public location where project information can be easily accessed by community members. In order to increase community awareness involving site activities, the EPA will conduct periodic public meetings to share information and discuss specific project milestones. Fact sheets will also be sent to residents to provide regular updates.

In the coming months, the EPA will conduct community interviews to talk with residents about their knowledge and concerns regarding the Site, the EPA's activities and the best way to get information to/from residents. The EPA and/or its contractor may contact you to schedule a community interview. You are encouraged and welcome to contact any of the team members listed below if you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to participate in the EPA community interview process.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### Information Repository

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