

**Public Information Strategy
For
Ag Enterprises, Argonia, Kansas**

1.0 Introduction

The purpose of the public relations strategy for the Ag Enterprises Site (Site) in Lyons, Kansas is to establish guidelines for planning, scheduling and implementing a Public Information Program (PIP). The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) in cooperation with Ag Enterprises, L.L.C./Ag Enterprises II, L.L.C. will be responsible for implementation of the PIP.

2.0 Background

The Site is a small agri-chemical facility. Since 1988, some complaints have been filed with the Department regarding spills of various chemicals, primarily liquid nitrogen fertilizer. The surrounding properties are residential, and several lawn and gardening wells are located near the facility.

The subject property participated in KDHE's VCPRP. An initial round of investigation roughly defined the extent of soil and groundwater contamination. Groundwater contamination has migrated onto adjacent properties. Currently work is being undertaken to establish a network of monitoring wells and to determine the full extent and migration of the groundwater contamination plume.

This Site was transferred to State Cooperative Program on April 14, 2010. The Consent Order was signed and became effective on September 28, 2010.

3.0 Public Information Program Activities

KDHE will be responsible for providing a notice of availability of the Draft Corrective Action Decision (CAD) document and other supporting documentation that serves as the basis for the recommended corrective action. The notice, which announces the public comment period, will be published in the local newspaper. The period allowed for oral and/or written public comment will be thirty days. During the public comment period, KDHE may conduct an availability session to discuss the Draft CAD.

KDHE will prepare written responses to comments received during the public comment period as part of the Final CAD. The Final CAD, as well as other supporting documentation, is available for public inspection pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act. A notice of the availability of the Final CAD may be published in the local newspaper and/or the *Kansas Register*.

A news release to announce the successful remediation of the Site may be published in the local newspaper upon KDHE approval of the Reclassification Plan.

4.0 Public Information Program Schedule

The following is a tentative PIP schedule for the Site. Specifically, upon completion of the Draft CAD, KDHE will publish a public notice of availability for this draft decision document and solicit oral and/or written comments during the 30-day public comment period. If an availability session is to be held during the public comment period, KDHE will make announcement of such in this same public notice. Through this process, the general public and other interested parties are given the requisite opportunity to provide input on the proposed corrective action strategy for the site before the CAD is finalized. As described in Section 3.0, the need for any additional news release(s) or availability session(s) related to this Site will be determined by KDHE.