
Removal of Burning Debris Pile Completed

VIM Recycling Inc. Site

Elkhart, Indiana

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On the Web

The following Web site contains links to important documents relating to this project:

epa.gov/region5/sites/vim/

Future site concerns

Indiana Department of Environmental Management is responsible for future compliance with environmental regulations at the site.

Any complaints relating to the VIM site should be directed to IDEM from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays at the following number:

800-451-6027, Ext. 24464

Complaints can also be filed via the Internet at the following address:

<http://idem.in.gov/5274.htm>

Special note to residents

Though extensive measures were taken to reduce smoke, steam and odors during the project, some impact on the neighborhood from the removal process was unavoidable. EPA acknowledges the disruption and sincerely appreciates your patience and understanding during this necessary project.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 recently completed overseeing the removal of a large pile of smoldering wood waste at VIM Recycling Inc. A large pile of waste wood and soil (known as the C Pile) located at the north end of the site was releasing excessive smoke and odors into the neighborhood. In June 2009 EPA negotiated with VIM to clean up the waste and entered into a legal agreement called an administrative consent order. The order required the company to remove the smoldering debris by Dec. 31, 2009.

The large pile of wood waste was excavated and screened using heavy machinery over a six-month period. As the hot debris was excavated, it sometimes generated significant smoke and steam that was seen or smelled off-site. These conditions have been eliminated now that the project has been completed.

The large pieces of wood were loaded onto more than 1,200 trucks and sent to a nearby landfill. The remaining material, which resembles topsoil, was left on-site in four long piles called windrows. This material will be composted and blended into a soil product that will be manufactured at the site by a third party and sold under a marketing and distribution permit issued by Indiana Department of Environmental Management.



A long pile, or windrow, of small wood pieces and soil remaining on the VIM Recycling site resulting from the C Pile removal. This material will be blended and sold as a soil product.

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