

ST. LOUIS

EPA continues treatment system construction

Even with snow getting in the way, construction continues of the in-place thermal treatment system at the Velsicol plant site in St. Louis.

“The recent snow has slowed us down a little but based on the latest information, we are still planning on heating to begin in mid-January,” said Tom Alcamo, Environmental Protection Agency Project Manager.

In January, this first phase of clean up at the site will begin.

Workers under the EPA’s direction will begin heating the ground, treating the toxic chemicals and capturing the fumes or gasses.

The process will take about 18 months and will cover a less than two acre section of the site.

“We should have a better handle if that will be delayed after the first of the year,” Alcamo said. “Most of the equipment for the vapor phase treatment system has arrived and is installed and expect the water treatment system to arrive shortly.”

The EPA is reviewing a website related to the project and, if it is approved soon, an availability session will likely occur in mid-January.

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