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Harley to hold cleanup update

■ **Officials will discuss the cleanup of munitions from the former Naval Ordnance Plant, now part of the Harley site.**

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When Julie Anderson received a letter in the mail from Harley-Davidson about a public meeting, she didn't give it much thought.

Anderson has lived in her house north of Harley for about 40 years, and she isn't concerned about materials discarded several decades ago. She hasn't decided if she will attend the 7 p.m. meeting Wednesday at the Sheraton Four Points.

At the meeting, officials from the company, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will provide an update of the

groundwater and soil cleanup efforts, the company reported.

The most immediate step will be taken later this year when the Army Corps of Engineers will gather and destroy old munitions left in the underground firing range and misfire pits, said Sharon Fisher, environmental engineer at Harley-Davidson.

Fisher said the ammunition is not live, but the destruction could be loud, much like a gunshot. A specific date or time has not been determined, but it will happen during the daytime.

The destruction will occur 450 feet from the company's fence, said Pat Sweezy, communications manager at the Springettsbury Township plant.

The land in Springettsbury Township off Eden Road was previously used as the York Naval Ordnance Plant where they tested munitions. York Safe and Lock Co., BlawKnox Co. and American Machine & Foundry Co. all used the site prior to the current motorcycle production.

IF YOU GO

The former York Naval Ordnance Plant remediation project public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Sheraton Four Points at 1650 Toronto St. in Manchester Township.
For details, www.yorksharleyremedy.com.

The site contains chromium, lead, trichloroethene, tetrachloroethene and 1,1,1-trichloroethane, the company reported.

In previous years, companies would dispose of waste material from production like solvents and degreasers and everyday garbage like soda cans.

"We believe there is no impact to our employees on-site," Fisher said.

Harley has worked with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection since 1986 for environmental

investigation and remediation activities, according to documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The company entered an agreement with the U.S. Navy in 1995 that requires the Navy to contribute 53 percent and the company 47 percent of future costs into a trust, the document state.

In 2002, the company entered into a program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act with the EPA.

Harley anticipates future costs at the plant to total about \$7.6 million, according to SEC documents.

Fisher said the cleanup should take about five years for the soil and 20 years for groundwater.

Anderson's neighbor across the street, Mary Ann Wolf, said she believed the company was making an effort.

"They're letting us know," she said. "That's fine with me."

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