

# Microfab, Inc. (Former) Site 104 Haverhill Rd. Amesbury, MA National Priorities List Discussion

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## Microfab Sampling Locations



## Sampling Locations cont.



## Topics for Discussion

- ▶ EPA Involvement at Microfab.
- ▶ What is the National Priorities List (NPL)?
- ▶ State Role in NPL listing.
- ▶ Overview of Superfund process.
- ▶ How Are Sites Added to NPL?
- ▶ Timing of NPL listing.
- ▶ Q & A

## EPA Involvement

- ▶ MA DEP request to review Microfab site for possible proposal to National Priorities List (NPL).
- ▶ EPA utilized data provided by DEP.
- ▶ EPA completed additional sampling to confirm site eligibility for NPL.
- ▶ Results support NPL listing and preparation of a Hazard Ranking System (HRS) package.

## What is the National Priorities List (NPL)?

- ▶ National list of sites that EPA determines require further detailed investigation, and potential cleanup action in accordance with CERCLA\*.
- ▶ Investigations at NPL sites determine whether long-term threats to human health & environment exist.
- ▶ Where needed, comprehensive strategy to address threats implemented.

\*CERCLA = Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (Often referred to as Superfund)

## Why Add A Site To National Priorities List?

- ▶ Sites on NPL subject of detailed investigation and cleanup, where warranted.
- ▶ Only sites on the NPL are eligible to receive federal Superfund resources.
- ▶ Federal resources can include monetary support, as well as expertise/staffing.
- ▶ Absent the use of federal resources, comprehensive cleanup strategies may not be able to be pursued.

### The Superfund Process: Discovery and Cleanup for a Long-Term Site



## How Are Sites Added to the National Priorities List?

- ▶ Sites added to the NPL via rulemaking – NPL Update notice in the Federal Register
- ▶ Governor’s letter supporting NPL listing needed.
- ▶ Public Comment Period (60 days)
- ▶ Finalized via Federal Register notice following resolution of comments received

## Microfab – Timeline for NPL

- ▶ Develop a Hazard Ranking System (HRS) package – initiated.
- ▶ Propose site to NPL – tentative Fall 2016.
- ▶ 60 day public comment period.
- ▶ Finalize site to NPL – Spring 2017 (dependent on public comments).
- ▶ Letter of concurrence from Governor – July 2016.

# Questions

