

South River Science Team Human Exposure Pathways Evaluation

Activities Update
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Human Exposure Evaluation

The key objectives:

- **better identify potential exposure,**
- **define potential risks and uncertainties,**
- **communicate information to the public.**

Human Exposure Evaluation

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Human Exposure Evaluation

Exposure scenarios evaluated

- √ Fish Consumption
- √ Recreational Use of River
- √ Potential Drinking Water exposures
- √ Contact with soils on the floodplain
- Potential dietary exposures
 - Domestic consumption, e.g., Garden crops, Beef, Poultry
 - Hunting consumption, e.g., waterfowl, small game

Communicating to public on these issues

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Floodplain soils

- Potential exposure evaluated:
 - √ direct contact (soil sampling);
 - √ ingestion of garden crops (2-year garden study);
 - √ ambient air (2 rounds of ambient air sampling)
 - Communicating results
 - √ General conclusions included in fact sheet,
 - √ Letters to landowners sent, follow up phone calls
 - Some additional soil sampling at specific locations, including ponds
 - Letters in review
 - √ Peer Review publication of garden crop study (HERA, in press)

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Potential dietary exposures

- For livestock evaluation, sampling plan for cattle that graze on the floodplain based on likely exposure scenarios will be developed. Considerations for developing the plan include:
 - How cattle are used and consumed
 - How milk from cattle is used/consumed
 - Defining which cattle actually graze on the floodplain
 - Use of the VDACS post-mortem facilities for determining general background levels as well as potential floodplain animals
 - Incorporating background levels in supermarket beef products
 - Rationale for choosing cattle (versus goats, sheep, pigs, poultry)
- A sub-team (Jordan, Quinn, Brown, Gruszynski & Guiseppi-Elie)
 - Draft plan in review
 - Implementation late 2012/2012

Human Exposure Evaluation

Potential dietary exposures

- Domestic consumption, e.g., Beef, Poultry
- Hunting consumption, e.g., waterfowl, small game
- √ Literature review of tissue levels completed
 - Includes domestic & game animals, total and methyl mercury
 - In general, results consistent with expectations
- √ Results for waterfowl, deer, turtles, muskrats, squirrels samples available
- Fact sheet on wildlife consumption in progress
- Platform presentation at SETAC 2012

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Fact Sheets

- √ Fact sheets completed
 - √ Fact Sheet 1: General Introduction
 - *About the South River Science Team*
 - √ Fact Sheet 2: Exposure Summary
 - *People, Mercury, and the River*
 - √ Fact Sheet 3: Soil Sampling Results
 - ***Summary of South River Floodplain Soil Survey***
 - √ Fact Sheet 5: Garden Study
 - *Eating Vegetables Grown on the South River Floodplain*
- Other Fact Sheets, as warranted
 - Wildlife (in progress)

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Health survey at local clinics

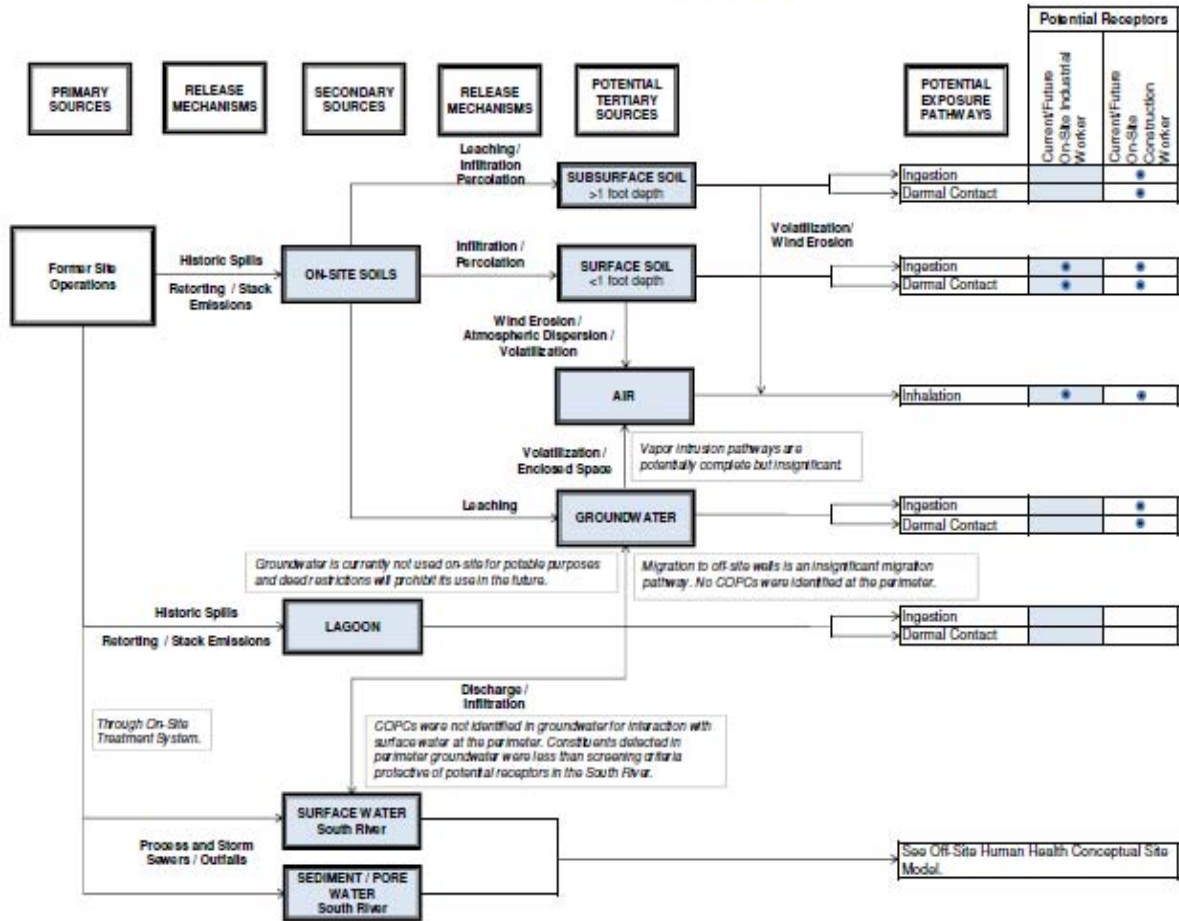
- √ Local physicians (explicitly made aware of issue) have not reported any signs/symptoms
- √ Local health clinics have been provided literature (in both Spanish and English)
- Health survey to address effectiveness of consumption advisories

PIT Program

Other relevant activities

- Risk Report Former DuPont Waynesboro Facility
 - Evaluation of risk
 - On- and off-site for human and ecological receptors
- Team
 - EPA: Quinn, Montgomery and Suedel (USACE)
 - DuPont: Stahl and Guiseppi-Elie
 - URS: Mancini, Flanders, McCue, Badner
- Status: Preliminary Review Draft
 - Section 1, 2, 3 (partial), 4.1 in review

**FIGURE ES-2
DRAFT HUMAN HEALTH CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL
DuPont South River Project, Virginia
On-Site Human Health**

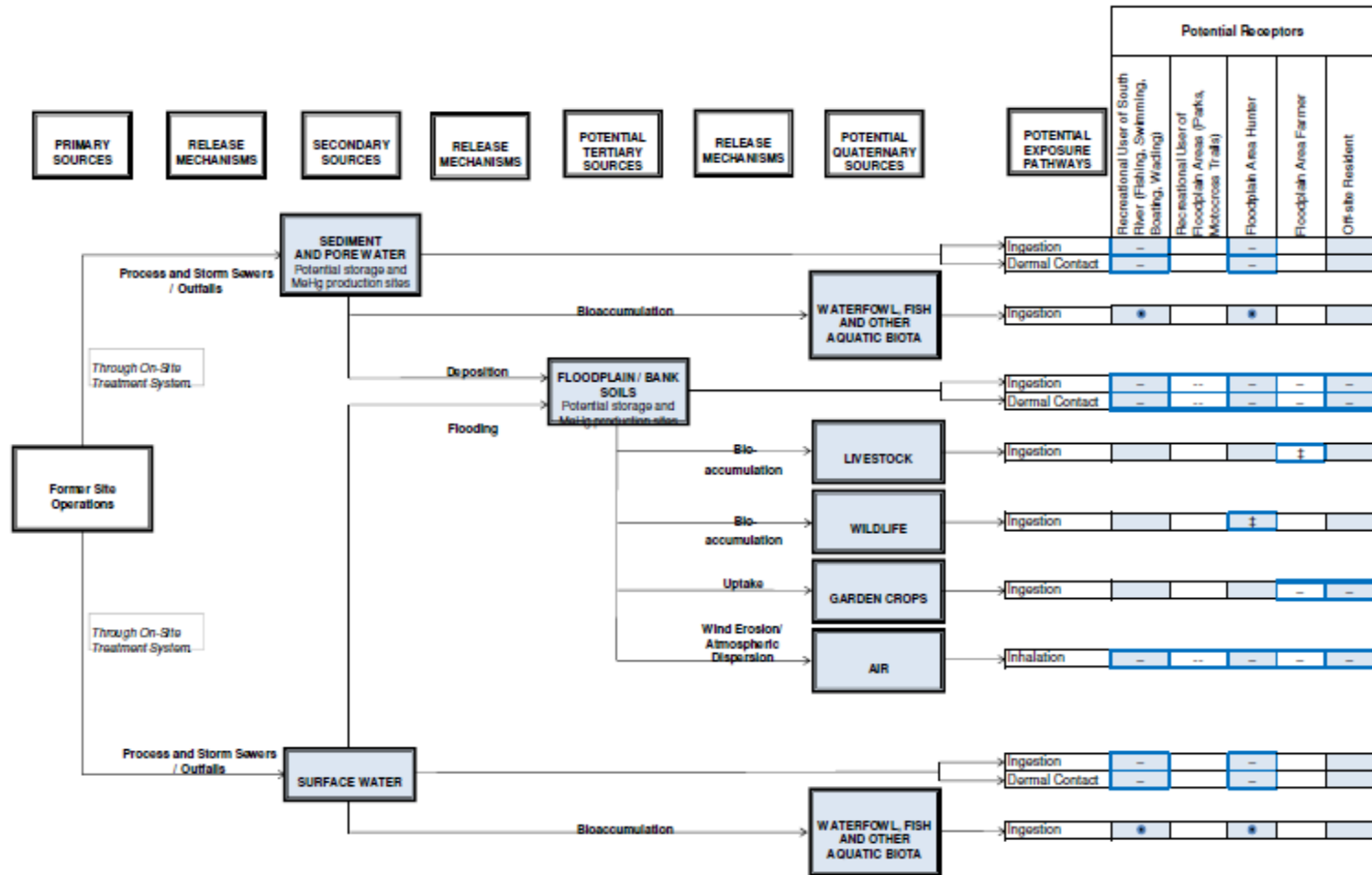


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**FIGURE ES-3
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Off-Site Human Health**



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