

Here are the facts on the proposed settlement agreement to clean up chromium contamination at 900 Garfield Avenue.



Cleaning it up now

- After decades of waiting, the agreement among the City of Jersey City, the New Jersey Attorney General, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and PPG Industries creates a five-year goal to remediate the Garfield Avenue site and a judicially enforceable schedule to accomplish it.
- If the settlement is not adopted and the litigation is continued, the cleanup will be delayed for many years.

Cleaning it up right

- The agreement calls for the most stringent chromium cleanup standards in the country, as issued by commissioner Lisa Jackson, whom President Barack Obama picked to lead the Environmental Protection Agency.
- If the chromium cleanup standard is made more stringent, PPG must comply.
- The cleanup will be conducted under a court order. If PPG or NJDEP do not follow through on their responsibilities, then the City of Jersey City has the right to enforce the agreement.

Cleaning it up with expert oversight

- The agreement will be overseen by one of the leading environmental officials in America, Mike McCabe, who was second in command of President Clinton's EPA and served on President Obama's environmental transition team.

Cleaning it up by listening to you

- The cleanup will be conducted through a transparent process with regularly scheduled public meetings.
- The agreement allows for the community and the City to have input into the cleanup process. If the agreement is not adopted and litigation is continued, all decisions will rest in the hands of a judge.

PUBLIC MEETING on the proposed settlement agreement

Monday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
City Hall
280 Grove St.
Jersey City, NJ

Under the agreement, PPG will spend more than \$200 million on chromium cleanup activities in Jersey City. The agreement calls for allocating 20% of the jobs and contracting opportunities associated with the cleanup to Jersey City residents and businesses.

Once the site is remediated, the development of affordable and mixed-income housing, commercial and retail space will begin, creating more jobs and economic opportunity for the community.

With this new agreement, a safer, healthier and more prosperous future starts now for our neighborhoods and our families.