



City of Fort Myers, Florida

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SITE ADDRESS:

Dear Resident,

The City of Fort Myers is scheduled to begin the voluntary removal of lime residuals located at 3348 South Street. You are receiving this mailing because you live within a quarter-mile of the worksite and site preparation work is starting on October 1. Please view the attached work plan that will serve as the project timeline and provides additional details surrounding each phase of the removal process.

History:

Lime softening residuals are a by-product of the city's former drinking water treatment plant and was placed in borrow pits on the 3348 South Street site before the neighborhood was established and prior to the land being annexed into the City of Fort Myers.

The City of Fort Myers has been monitoring the site using GFA International, nationally known experts in the fields of geology and engineering, to assess the lime residuals at the South Street site. All test results have been shared with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) along with weekly project updates and work plans. All DEP submissions can be found at the project website: <http://3348southstreet.com/documents/>.

A series of public meetings were conducted to share test results and to address concerns from residents and citizens. Another public meeting will be held to determine the future use of the property once the lime residuals have been removed.

What will happen to the lime residuals material once it is removed?

The material will be trucked from Fort Myers to a quarry where it will be mixed with limestone and then shipped to their cement plant in Alabama. The properties of this water treatment by-product are chemically similar to that of limestone, making it possible to be mixed with limestone and put through the regular cement manufacturing process. The facility has all the required National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for this type of work and monitors both surface water discharges and groundwater around the facility.

Next Steps:

Please view the attached Work Plan that will serve as the project timeline and provides additional details surrounding each phase of the removal process. Work days for the site activities are anticipated to be Monday through Friday unless additional days are needed to accommodate unforeseen weather conditions. Work will be from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for your patience as site work begins.

Sincerely,

Richard Moulton, Director of Public Works



Work Plan for South Street Site

The City of Fort Myers is starting the complete removal of all lime residuals on the block surrounded by South Street, Midway Avenue, Jeffcott Street and Henderson Avenue. Removal of lime residuals is a multi-step process which takes a significant amount of time and coordination. South Florida is currently going through the wet season and removal of lime residuals cannot proceed until the property is dry. The lime residuals removal process should take approximately three months. Residents should anticipate the following activities during the lime residuals removal:

SITE PREPARATION			
Activity	Description	Start Date	End Date
Chain Link Fence Installation	Install chain link fence around entire property, excluding 2 private properties where permission was not given.	End of September 2018	Beginning of October 2018
Silt Fence Installation	Install silt fence at the bottom of all chain link fence for erosion control.	End of September 2018	Beginning of October 2018
Vegetation Removal	Removal of all vegetation, including trees, brush and grass from the entire site. This work will include the use of wood chippers.	Beginning of October 2018	Middle of October 2018
Vegetation Hauling	Hauling of removed vegetation from the site. There will be about 15 to 20 dump trucks each day.	Beginning of October 2018	Middle of October 2018

LIME SLUDGE REMOVAL			
Activity	Description	Start Date	End Date
Lime Sludge Excavation	Excavation of lime sludge from the site and loading into dump trucks.	Middle of October 2018	End of December 2018
Lime Sludge Hauling	Hauling of excavated lime sludge from the site. There will be about 25 to 30 dump trucks each day.	Middle of October 2018	End of December 2018
Air Monitoring	Performed on an hourly basis, during onsite activities, to monitor for dust & other particulates in the air.	Middle of October 2018	End of December 2018
Noise Reduction	Mufflers will be provided on all excavation and hauling equipment to reduce noise. A mesh covering will also be provided on the chain link fence to dampen sound.	Middle of October 2018	End of December 2018

Work hours for the site activities are anticipated to be Monday through Friday unless additional days are needed to accommodate unforeseen weather conditions. Work hours will be from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, but heavy machinery will not be used until after 8:00 am.