
Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Galaxy/Spectron Site,
Cecil County, Maryland

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Maryland Department of Natural Resources have prepared a Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment (RP/EA) for the Galaxy/Spectron Site, Cecil County, Maryland. The Draft RP/EA was prepared by Federal and state natural resource trustees to address natural resources, including ecological services, injured, lost or destroyed due to releases of hazardous substances at the Galaxy/Spectron, Inc., (Spectron) site. The Site is an abandoned solvent recycling facility located approximately six miles northwest of Elkton, Maryland. Past operations at the recycling facility resulted in contamination of the site soils and groundwater with volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The Trustees determined injuries were primarily to anadromous fish (fish that live in marine or brackish water but return to fresh water habitats to spawn) such as herring and alewife.

The preferred alternative is removal of a partial fish blockage and stream restoration at Scotchman Creek at Mill Lane in Cecil County, Maryland. This area is a documented spawning ground for striped bass, white perch, alewife, and blueback herring. Fish blockage removal and stream restoration at Scotchman Creek will restore 1000 linear feet of stream and open an additional 2.2 miles of habitat for anadromous fish and the American eel.

You may view the Draft RP/EA on the NOAA web page at <http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/northeast/spectron/admin.html>. Copies are available for review at the following public locations:

- (1) NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office, 410 Severn Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403
- (2) Cecil County Public Library, 301 Newark Ave., Elkton, MD 21921

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 for the Draft RP/EA at the Cecilton Fire Hall located at 110 E Main Street, Cecilton, MD. The presentation will begin at 7 PM. Displays and staff will be available one hour prior to the meeting start time. All persons and organizations that have an interest in the project are urged to participate.

The public comment period for the RP/EA ends on April 30, 2008. Please send written comments concerning the report to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Attn: Mary P. Andrews, NOAA Restoration Center, 410 Severn Avenue, Suite 107A, Annapolis, MD 21403. Or you may submit comments via e-mail to

mary.andrews@noaa.gov. Email comments must be contained in the body of your message, please do not send attached files. Please include your name and address with your comments. We must receive comments on or before April 30, 2008 to ensure consideration in the final restoration plan and environmental assessment. After this date, the Draft RP/EA will be revised as appropriate and a Final RP/EA will be issued.