

MAJOR MILESTONE COMPLETED: INTERIM WATER TREATMENT UNIT INSTALLED, TESTED AND READY FOR OPERATION IF NEEDED

The Interim Water Treatment Unit has been installed, tested and is approved for operation on the City supply wells if needed in the future. It is designed to be used in the event that the city supply wells ever fail to meet drinking water standards. To date, all public water samples have met drinking water standards and no treatment has been necessary. Two operators have received extensive onsite training to operate the system. Employing state of the art technology, the unit can also be activated and monitored remotely if necessary. We celebrate this accomplishment as a part of our ongoing remedial commitments to the residents of Crystal Springs.

SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION PLAN APPROVED

The Final Design for the full scale Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system under the Kuhlman plant building has been approved by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. We are currently working with vendors to solidify the necessary equipment and supplies for installation of the system. It is our expectation that the full scale system will be installed and placed into operation in the very near future.

SEMI-ANNUAL MONITOR WELL SAMPLING AND CITY WELL SAMPLING COMPLETED FOR THIS QUARTER

We continue to sample the monitor wells and city wells monthly and semi-annually to ensure that the water meets regulatory guidelines. Monitoring reports are submitted to MDEQ and are available on their website. All city well data for the 4th quarter of 2013 indicate City water continues to meet drinking water standards.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS REPOSITORY

All public documents referenced in the Newsletter may be accessed at the following physical and virtual repositories: Crystal Springs Library and www.mdeq.state.ms.us.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Each quarter we will include one or more questions that were presented over the past year.

WHAT IS THE BACKUP PLAN IF THE SVE EQUIPMENT FAILS? IS THERE ALTERNATE EQUIPMENT ON SITE IF THIS HAPPENS?

If the SVE equipment stops working, conditions will return to their current state. There will be no increase in chemical levels or changes in worker safety.

HOW WILL THE CHEMICALS TRAPPED IN THE SOIL ACT WITH THE CHEMICALS BEING PULLED UP?

The chemicals in the soil are the same as the chemicals that have been present in the groundwater and vapor for a long time. The only change that will occur as a result of removing them with the SVE system is that their concentrations will be reduced.

PLANT NEWS

We extend our commendations and appreciation for Mr. Philip James' years of service at the Crystal Springs Kuhlman Electric Corporation. It is with both sadness and celebration that we announce his transfer to another plant. His hard work and tenacious spirit have been a driving force in making KEC a safe and enjoyable workplace. We will miss him, but also wish him the best on his new endeavors!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Groundwater Monitoring Event and Reporting.
- Installation and operation of the full scale Soil Vapor Extraction system.

2013 KEC FAMILY DAY

Kuhlman Electric Corporation's Employee Family Day declared a huge success! The event was held on Saturday, October 12, 2013 and was attended by over 800 guests. Visitors enjoyed a tour of the plant and the opportunity to learn about the products the plant builds and the services that it provides. They were able to see firsthand the procedures and protocols that are in place to ensure employee safety and wellbeing. Guests were able to meet managers, administrators, operators and other plant staff that their family members work with on a daily basis.

The event included food, games and activities for everyone. Children enjoyed various inflatable jumpers and the opportunity to explore two of the voluntary fire department's fire trucks. Adults participated in fire safety training and each household received a fire extinguisher. We wish to thank Mayor Sally Garland and all the businesses that participated as well as the employees and community members that came out to enjoy the festivities!

