



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Trafalgar Site Update

NORTH LITTLE ROCK—At the request of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is mobilizing today to begin three days of community and site-based monitoring. It is a focused monitoring event to deploy an array of air monitoring technology with an emphasis on an evaluation of off-site impacts. The air monitoring will begin on Thursday, February 7, 2019. EPA's current monitoring event will be in addition to the previous EPA monitoring activity and ADEQ's current community air monitoring.

On January 23, 2019, EnSafe collected water samples at the northern perimeter of the Trafalgar site. Today, ADEQ received the Arkansas Department of Health's (ADH) evaluation of the analytical results. A copy of ADH's preliminary review of the surface water samples may be found on ADEQ's Bella Vista Community page: <https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/bella-vista/pdfs/20190206-adh-preliminary-surface-water-data-review.pdf>.

The Arkansas Forestry Commission has had to postpone back burning inside the fire break this week, due to the forecasted rain for the area. Weather conditions will continue to be evaluated to determine the best time to begin. The purpose of back burning is to clear brush and other debris to prevent any potential spread of the fire.

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