

Cleanup project at Marjol site shifts to winter schedule

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The cleanup at the Marjol Battery site in Throop is expected to continue through the winter where possible, officials with the project said.

The contractor, Dickson City-based SCE Environmental, took a brief break for the holidays, but is planning to resume activities next week, weather permitting, said Lisa Ayers, a community relations representative for Advanced GeoServices, which represents the property owner Gould Electronics.

She said activities for the winter include shallow excavations, with the contaminated material being placed in the containment area, along with routine maintenance.

As part of the two-year project, SCE is moving lead-contaminated soil and battery casings to a central 10-acre location. The contaminated material will than be encased in concrete.

The cleanup is still expected to be completed by Nov. 30, said Ms. Ayers. Though earlier this year there had been some delays noted because of weather and other problems, she said it's not clear if they were off schedule.

"Some activities that were scheduled for next season have been done this year and some that were scheduled for this season will not be done until next year, so it is hard to say if we are behind or not," Ms. Ayers said through e-mail.

She added no significant changes have been made to cleanup plan.

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