

Notice to the East Chicago Community

The public is invited to attend a public meeting where a summary of the final design and construction schedule for a brand-new barrier wall will be presented by Atlantic Richfield Company and its contractors. See below for meeting date, time, location, and Zoom details. The barrier wall is part of an ongoing environmental remediation project at a former petroleum storage tank farm located on the southwest corner of Indianapolis Boulevard and the Lake George Canal's East Branch of the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal in East Chicago, Indiana.

Storage tanks, pipelines and contaminated surface soil were previously removed from the property. The next stage of the remedy will involve installing a new barrier wall between the former tank farm and the canal and removing additional contaminated soil from the tank farm side of the wall. After the barrier wall is installed, the US Environmental Protection Agency, working with the US Army Corps of Engineers, will then remove contaminated canal sediments on the canal side of the wall, next to the tank farm shoreline.

Benefits of this project include improved water quality and wildlife habitat in the Lake George Branch Canal.

A summary of the final design and construction schedule for this stage of the project will be presented at the next meeting of the East Chicago Waterway Management District Board of Directors on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 5pm. The public may attend the meeting in person at 4444 Railroad Avenue, East Chicago, IN 46312, or attend by Zoom. Zoom invitation link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9247632593?pwd=ME5CVE9wcG43Um54S0UrMHp1QVBFdz09>

Anyone who wishes to attend in person will be required to comply with District's Covid-19 Policy. The Zoom invitation link (including telephone call-in instructions) and Covid-19 Policy are posted on the District's website at: <https://www.in.gov/ecwmd/>.