

**ST. LOUIS**

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The groundwater treatment system being used on the former Velsicol plant site in St. Louis. Visible are the six granular activated carbon vessels (in blue). Also the two tanks that look like truck trailers in white and green are used to settle particulate. The green tank is the final tank before discharge. The grey box-like structure in the background is the cooling tower which is used to lower the temperature of water within the system.

## Start for ground heating at Velsicol site pushed back

The start date was moved to Tuesday for the heating of the ground at the Velsicol plant site in St. Louis by the Environmental Protection Agency.

“They were having problems with a portion of the extraction wells talking with the remote computer system,” said Tom Alcamo, EPA Project Manager, on Tuesday.

“They can adjust the wells and heaters remotely and about 20 of the 59 extraction wells are not talking to the computer. They can run them

manually without the remote system but decided to try to get this issue resolved.”

The in-place thermal treatment system is being used to treat the toxic chemicals and capture gasses at the first of two sites on the property.

The heating work had originally been scheduled to start Monday.

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— Sean Bradley, *Morning Sun*

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