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## News Release

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### **DEQ and EPA to Hold Open House to Discuss Henryetta Industrial Park Cleanup**

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will host an open house scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2015, to discuss the Shurden-Leist Industrial Park cleanup. The open house will be held at the Civic Center in City Hall, located at 115 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Henryetta, Oklahoma. Representatives from DEQ and EPA will be available to discuss and answer questions related to the site. The public will have the opportunity to talk directly with agency representatives.

The Shurden-Leist Industrial Park is the result of the combined efforts of DEQ, EPA, and the City of Henryetta to clean up the former Eagle Picher and Victory Metals smelter sites. The Shurden-Leist Industrial Park is approximately 70 acres in size and sits on the former Eagle Picher smelter site, which operated as a zinc and cadmium smelter from 1916 to 1968.

The cleanup was completed by EPA in 1997. The cleanup consolidated the higher concentration smelter materials into an on-site disposal cell and capped the remaining material across the site with a soil cap. Approximately 26 acres of the soil cap was regraded during remedial activities to make the site suitable for commercial or industrial redevelopment. The City of Henryetta and DEQ have ongoing obligations to ensure that redevelopment and reuse activities at the site are managed in a manner to prevent exposure to smelter materials by keeping them under the cap. Proper management of materials and maintenance of the cap will provide long-term protection of human health and the environment.

For more information about the Shurden-Leist Industrial Park, contact Brian Stanila, Oklahoma DEQ Project Manager, at 405-702-5138 or Kelly Dixon, Oklahoma DEQ Land Protection Division Director, at 405-702-5151.

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