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The Federal Environmental Protection Agency's acting regional administrator, William J. Muszynski, said it was about to begin negotiations with homeowners in the park, Forest Glen.

Details of the buyout will be announced at a community meeting later this week, said Mary Colvin, a spokeswoman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Originally, the Government said residents would have to wait at least two months while the site was placed on the Superfund list before money would be available for buyouts. The Government did offer to move residents to temporary lodging, but most refused.

Officials said Federal appraisal contractors would soon schedule residents to have their homes evaluated.

An E.P.A. spokesman, Michael Basile, said dust samples taken last week from interiors of Forest Glen homes resulted in six positive samplings. He said officials did not know what kind of toxins were inside the homes because the sampling was not complete.

On July 24, the agency told the 150 neighborhood residents that toxins, including aniline, a possible human carcinogen, were found seeping through the ground, much like at the nearby Love Canal a decade ago.