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Illinois EPA Accepting Green Youth Awards Nominations

Applications are now being accepted for the Illinois Green Youth Awards until March 18, 2011. These awards recognize the outstanding environmental work of the young people of Illinois.

To be eligible for a Green Youth Award, an individual or group project must meet all of the following guidelines:

- Must be a resident of Illinois, and enrolled in K-12 public, private or home school.
- Must indicate grade category on the application.
- The project must involve one or more of the following categories: waste reduction; prevention or reduction of pollution in the air (climate change/global warming), land or water; restoration, preservation or enhancement of natural areas; energy or water efficiency.
- The project is developed, substantially implemented, and is showing results by the application deadline. Project must have begun no earlier than 2009.

To find out more or apply, visit:

www.epa.state.il.us/green-youth/program-information



EPA Opens Vapor Intrusion Comment Period

U.S. EPA is now considering including vapor intrusion (VI) in the Hazard Ranking System (HRS). In a May 2010 report, the Government Accountability Office concluded that if vapor intrusion sites are not assessed and, if needed, listed on the National Priority



Cheesy Vegetable Soup

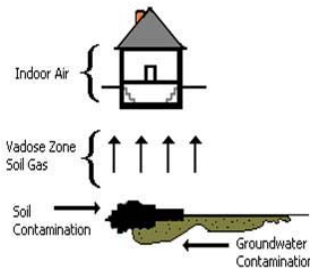
- 1 medium cauliflower, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 bunches broccoli, chopped
- 8 sliced mushrooms
- 3-4 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 medium celery stalk, chopped
- 2 Yukon gold potatoes, cubed
- 16 oz. chicken broth
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 1.5 lbs. Velveeta cheddar cheese, cubed
- 1 package frozen corn
- 16 oz. water
- 3 chicken bouillon cubes
- Salt & pepper
- Red pepper flakes

1) In a large pot, place all vegetables (except the corn), water, bouillon cubes, chicken broth, salt & pepper and boil for 10-15 minutes.

2) Add the cream of chicken soup, cheese, corn, and red pepper flakes, to taste. Simmer on very low heat for 20-30 minutes, stirring

List (NPL), there is the potential that contaminated sites with unacceptable human exposure will not be acted upon. The addition of vapor intrusion would enable the HRS to directly consider the human exposure to contaminants that enter building structures through the subsurface environment. Once included on the National Priority List, sites have the potential to access the Superfund program for cleanup and remediation.

What is Vapor Intrusion?



When hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants are spilled on the ground or otherwise migrate to the subsurface, they can move in the subsurface environment and eventually enter buildings as a gas or vapor, or even as a liquid in some cases. These vapors or liquid can cause serious health issues for occupants of the buildings.

Vapor Intrusion (also known as Vapor Encroachment) has emerged as an important environmental issue in the last few years. In 2010, ASTM developed a new standard for screening potential Vapor Intrusion sites. EPA's inclusion of the issue with HRS will further stress the importance of including vapor screening in any comprehensive environmental assessment.

For more information on the proposed changes or to send a comment to the EPA about the inclusion of Vapor Intrusion, visit the EPA's website at:

www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/hrsaddition.htm

For more information about how Vapor Intrusion may impact your property, contact Steve Sawyer

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Upcoming SBA 504 Debt Refinance Program Seminars:



Somercor 504 will be hosting several upcoming seminars about the

occasionally.

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Ambrosius
1st place, Fall Soup Contest
2010*

just announced 504 Debt Refinance Program. The seminars will include information on:

- Eligibility - projects and borrowers
- Refinancing same institution debt
- Restrictions on the program
- Specific project examples

The programs will be held on the following dates:

- Deerfield, IL - Wed. 03.02.11 8am: The Marriot Suites Deerfield <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chids-chicago-marriott-suites-deerfield>
- Downtown Chicago - Fri. 03.04.11 8am: The Holiday Inn - Chicago Mart Plaza <http://www.martplaza.com/>
- Oak Brook, IL - Wed. 03.09.11 8am, Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chimc-oak-brook-hills-marriott-resort/>
- Tinley Park/Orland Park, IL - Fri. 03.11.11 8am, Georgios Banquets Comfort Inn Orland Park <http://www.georgios.com/>

Each SomerCor 504 Live Event will last no more than 1 hour BUT space is EXTREMELY LIMITED so please RSVP as soon as possible for the event in your area.

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