



HPI Products Ordered to Wind Down

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On September 19, 2022, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri ordered the wind down and liquidation of HPI Products, Inc., directing the company to cease all further business operations. The order responds to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Missouri Department of Natural Resources' (MDNR) action placing HPI into temporary receivership to address longstanding environmental violations. In its ruling, the Court stated, "given the intrinsically dangerous nature of Receivership Defendants' businesses, the health and safety of the public and the environment requires Receivership Defendants' businesses be wound down..." ordering the temporary receiver to conclude the wind down by November 18, 2022. During this timeframe, the temporary receiver will be removing hazardous wastes from HPI's premises and coordinating with impacted entities to effectuate the clean-up.

The City maintains its separate action in Buchanan County Circuit Court to address related environmental violations and this action will remain pending throughout the course of the wind down. City Manager Bryan Carter stated, "It's unfortunate that the capabilities and resources were not available to maintain operations in a safe and environmentally sound manner. We are committed to protecting the health and welfare of our community and we will work with our State and Federal partners to ensure expeditious and safe closure."

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