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## **Slag removal set to begin at former Chemetco site in Hartford**

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A federal judge in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis on Friday ordered that the pile of heavy metals at the site of the former Chemetco plant in Hartford, Ill., should be removed.

The copper smelting factory went bankrupt and closed in 2001, according to the Belleville News-Democrat. Chemetco pleaded guilty to conspiracy and to violating the Clean Water Act in 2000, according to the newspaper.

Steve Zuber, principal at BarberMurphy Group, told the newspaper that most of the material will be sold to smelters as a metal commodity.

A representative from the **Environmental Protection Agency** told the newspaper he expected the project to get underway in early 2014.

The plant opened in 1969, according to the newspaper. In 1999, the company was prosecuted for dumping pollutants into nearby Long Lake, according to the News-Democrat.