

## Update on EPA Removal Activities

**Henley's Sealant Site**  
**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma**

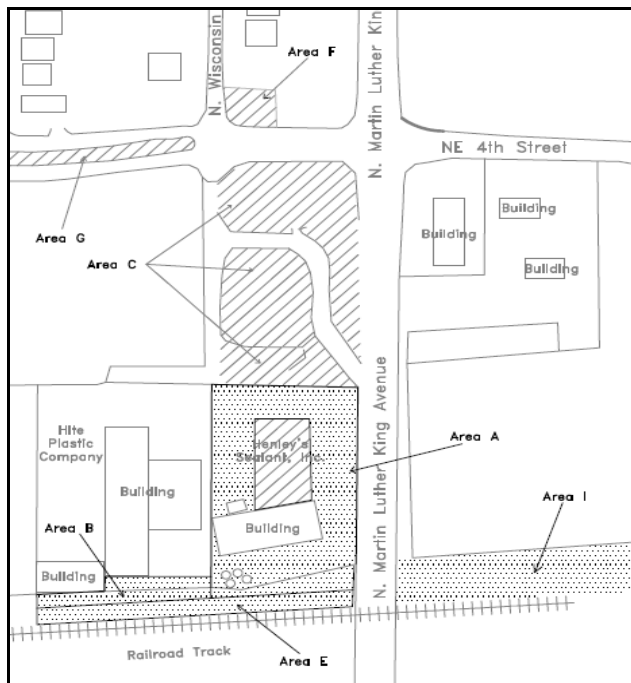
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### Continuation of removal activities

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting removal activities at the Henley's Sealant Site in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. The removal action involves the excavation and removal of soil contaminated with asbestos, as well as the removal of asbestos-contaminated vermiculite ore that was being stored in the four on-site silos.



### Current actions

Removal actions include the excavation of asbestos-contaminated soil to a maximum depth of 2 feet below ground surface (bgs); the loading of the asbestos contaminated soil into disposal trucks for transport to the Waste Connections Landfill located in Oklahoma City; the addition of backfill soil into

the excavated areas; and dust suppression (i.e. water) during the excavation and loading of the contaminated soil. To date EPA has excavated/disposed of approximately 9,704.03 tons of contaminated soil.



EPA is also conducting real-time air monitoring as well as collecting air samples for laboratory analysis. This air monitoring and sampling is conducted to verify that EPA's dust suppression activities are effective. EPA has also completed the abatement of approximately 100 cubic yards of asbestos contaminated vermiculite ore from on-site silos.



### Site background

The Henley's Sealant Site is located at 200 North Wisconsin Avenue in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. The Site was formerly the W.

R. Grace Zonolite vermiculite expansion facility. Records indicate that the facility accepted approximately 113, 905 tons of raw vermiculite between 1967 and 1988, from the WR Grace mine located in Libby, Montana. This mine was the source of over 70 percent of all vermiculite sold in the U.S. from 1919 to 1990. There was also a deposit of amphibole asbestos at that mine, so the vermiculite from Libby was contaminated with asbestos. Vermiculite from Libby was distributed for processing to a number of facilities across the country.

EPA's removal evaluations were conducted at the Site in response to an Agency-wide initiative to investigate current and former vermiculite facilities that received vermiculite ore from the W.R. Grace vermiculite mine in Libby, Montana.

The facility sits on approximately 2.4 acres of land, although vermiculite has been identified beyond the facility boundaries.

This removal action addresses the need to mitigate the potential threats posed by asbestos-contaminated soils located on-site from the processing of vermiculite ore and the disposal of associated waste products at this Site by W.R. Grace/Zonolite Co.

## **Where to get more information...**

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