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**U.S. EPA TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING AND CONTINUE WORK
AT APCO MOSSBERG SITE IN ATTLEBORO**

BOSTON - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP), and the City of Attleboro will be holding an informational meeting on Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers (1st floor) of Attleboro City Hall. At the meeting, EPA representatives will discuss the ongoing cleanup at the Apco Mossberg Site.

EPA's cleanup, called a time-critical removal action, focuses on the excavation and removal of contaminated debris piles and surface soils at the site. Once the excavation is complete, the area will be backfilled with clean materials.

At the meeting, EPA and MADEP representatives, along with representatives from the City of Attleboro, will discuss the cleanup work and answer any questions that the public may have. "EPA and its state and local partners welcome members of the community to attend," said Melanie Morash of EPA. Morash, EPA's On-Scene Coordinator from the Superfund removal program, is managing the cleanup.

The 11-acre Attleboro site, located at 100-101 Lamb Street, was the location of the Frank Mossberg Company in the early 1900's. During that time, the company manufactured tools, automobile starters, and spring kits. Apco Mossberg Company, Inc. assumed ownership of the property in 1937. Fifty years later, in 1987, the manufacturing building was destroyed by a fire.

Previous investigations of the site revealed the presence of contaminants in the soil which are suspected to be linked to manufacturing activities previously conducted on the property. In addition, discarded capacitors containing PCBs were found at the site. In February, EPA installed a fence and warning signs around the site and took measures to control erosion so that contamination does not migrate off the site.

Additional information on the project is available at: www.epaosc.net/ApcoMossberg.

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