



# Apco Mossberg Site

## Community Update

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection are working closely with the City of Attleboro to address environmental contamination at the Apco Mossberg Company, Inc. Site. Below is the third in a series of updates on the project.

### Cleanup Work Continues

At a recent public meeting at Attleboro City Hall attended by 15 community members, EPA and the City of Attleboro discussed the ongoing cleanup work at the Apco Mossberg Company, Inc. Site at 100-101 Lamb Street. EPA continues to work closely with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) and the City of Attleboro to address contamination at the Apco Mossberg Site. The 11-acre property was a former manufacturing facility.

Previous investigations of the area by EPA revealed the presence of contaminants, mainly lead, barium, and cadmium in surface soils and debris piles on the site. Discarded capacitors contaminated with PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and compressed gas cylinders were also found on site. The contamination is suspected to be linked to manufacturing activities conducted on the property between 1900 and 1987.

Beginning in late March, EPA clean-up workers have been screening the rubble piles on the foundation pad to remove the contaminated soils and fine materials. Excavation of contaminated surface soils from the foundation floor is nearly complete. Workers are beginning to excavate contaminated soils in the wooded area approximately 200 feet north of the foundation footprint.

In late March, EPA disposed of the PCB-contaminated capacitor parts and compressed gas cylinders. Approximately 730 tons of contaminated screened soils and 1,600 tons of contaminated foundation soils have been excavated thus far. These soils will be removed from the site and disposed of at EPA-approved facilities. Excavated areas will be backfilled with clean materials and disturbed areas will be revegetated.

EPA continues to conduct air monitoring and dust suppression activities to ensure that the cleanup activities do not impact the air quality of nearby residents or pedestrians in the vicinity of the work area. Covering and segregating stockpiled wastes and cleaning and inspecting vehicles before they depart the site ensures that contaminated soils are not being tracked or spread beyond the work area.

### Upcoming Activities

In late May, EPA will begin transporting contaminated soils and waste materials off-site to permitted disposal facilities. To minimize the impact to the community during this period of heavy truck traffic, EPA, in coordination with the Attleboro Police and Fire Departments, has developed a traffic control plan. The plan includes the following:

- Posting flaggers at intersections near the site when heavy trucks are entering and exiting the work area to ensure the safety of nearby residents and pedestrians, cleanup crew, and passing vehicles.
- Limiting weekday heavy truck traffic before 8:00 a.m. and after 2:00 p.m. to avoid school buses and heavy commuter traffic. In addition, trucks will be routed away from the center of town.
- Washing truck tires and inspecting vehicles before they leave the site to ensure that contaminated materials are not being tracked beyond the work area.

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