



Site Investigation

MC Canfield & Sons Site

Newark, New Jersey

Community Update

January 2013

PUBLIC MEETING

EPA will be holding a public meeting to discuss recent sampling activities, provide information about further residential soil sampling and future cleanup actions planned for the community.

Representatives from EPA and Newark Department of Child and Family Wellbeing will be available to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have about the MC Canfield & Sons Site.

Wednesday, January 16, 2013
7pm

Society Hill Clubhouse
1 Cornerstone Lane
Newark, NJ 07103

For information on this meeting, please call Wanda Ayala (212) 637-3676.

If you would like information on the MC Canfield & Sons Site, please call:

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The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is updating the community to provide information about the investigation and cleanup at the former MC Canfield & Sons Site located between Cornerstone Lane and Marrow Street in Newark, New Jersey.

SITE INVESTIGATION

EPA conducted a soil sampling investigation in mid August 2012. Elevated levels of lead in surface and subsurface soil were discovered near the area of the former smelting facility above EPA's Residential Screening Level of 400 parts per million (ppm).

NEXT STEPS

A CERCLA Time-Critical removal action is needed to address lead contaminated soil found at the Society Hill Phase III townhouse complex in the areas near the location of the former smelting facility. Additional sampling will take place prior to the initiation of the removal action to better define the areas to be addressed.

SIMPLE STEPS TO REDUCE YOUR LEAD EXPOSURE

EPA and the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) recommend the following steps be followed to reduce your potential exposure to lead contamination that may be present in the surface soils:

- Keep children away from all bare soil areas, and cover any bare soil areas that may be on your property. Maintain any grass already present in your yard.
- Remove shoes at the door to prevent tracking in any dirt that may be on your shoes.
- Adults and children should frequently wash hands and face, especially after they come inside from outside.

For health related questions, please call:

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EPA Regional Public Liaison:

EPA Region 2 has designated a public liaison as a point-of-contact for community concerns and questions about the federal Superfund program in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and eight tribal nations. To support this effort, the agency has established a 24-hour, toll-free number that the public can call to request information, express concerns, or register complaints about Superfund. The public liaison for EPA's Region 2 office is:

George Zachos
(732) 321-6621
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Or toll free at (888) 283-7626

- If you are a smoker, wash your hands before smoking.
- Wash your hands after working in the yard, and before eating or drinking.
- Use a damp mop and cloths to keep floors, children's toys and other surfaces clear of dust.

SITE BACKGROUND

The former MC Canfield & Sons Site, located at 93 Wilsey Street, was redeveloped for residential use in the early 1990s. A portion of Wilsey Street in Newark was renamed and is now known as Cornerstone Lane. MC Canfield & Sons operated a lead smelter on a portion of the Site from 1907 until 1974.

Sampling by NJDEP in March 2012 revealed the presence of elevated levels of lead in the soil in the area of the former MC Canfield & Sons Site.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) asked EPA to evaluate the former MC Canfield & Sons Site for removal consideration under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response Cleanup and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as the Superfund program. EPA conducted the August 2012 sampling effort in response to the NJDEP request.

Visit EPA's website:

www.epa.gov/region02/superfund/removal/mccanfieldandsons