



Site Investigation MC Canfield and Sons Site Newark, New Jersey

COMMUNITY UPDATE

JUNE 2014

PUBLIC MEETING

EPA will be holding a public meeting to discuss soil sampling results, the extent of lead contamination, and the cleanup work planned for the community.

Representatives from the EPA and the Newark Health Department will be available to discuss any concerns you may have about the MC Canfield & Sons Site.

**Thursday, June 26, 2014
7pm**

**Society Hill Clubhouse
1 Cornerstone Lane
Newark, NJ 07103**

For information on this meeting, please call Sophia Kelley at (212) 637-3670.

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

SITE INVESTIGATION

EPA conducted soil sampling investigations in mid-August 2012 and in April 2013. Based on the results of the sampling efforts conducted to date, a cleanup action has been planned to address lead-contaminated soil found at the Society Hill Phase III townhouse complex.

NEXT STEPS

EPA plans to begin the cleanup work during the week of July 7, 2014. Some areas of the property will be excavated and restored with new landscaping. Work is expected to take about four months to complete and will greatly reduce possible exposure to lead in soil at the MC Canfield Site.

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.

<http://www.epa.gov/region2/superfund/removal/mccanfieldandsons>

For health related questions, please call:

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EPA Public Liaison:

If you would like information on general environmental concerns or the federal Superfund hazardous waste program, have concerns or complaints about the Superfund program, or if you seek assistance in resolving site-specific issues that were not fully addressed by the EPA, please contact:

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- 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 or cloths to keep floors, windowsills, 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 the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (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.

NJDEP asked the 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 sampling in August 2012 in response to the NJDEP request. Additional sampling was performed in April/May 2013 in order to better define the extent of lead contamination at the Site. EPA has since determined that the Site is eligible for a cleanup action and has identified the scope of the work to be completed.