



EPA Conducting Cleanup at Former Marquette School

For more information

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Detailed information about EPA's investigation and planned cleanup can be found in the **EPA's Site Administrative Record** available at the Kewaunee Public Library, 822 Juneau Street, or by contacting Kathy Halbur at 920-662-5424.

317 Dorelle Street

Kewaunee, Wisconsin

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its investigation of the public health risk and environmental impacts at the former Marquette School, 317 Dorelle Street, Kewaunee. Officials determined property conditions warrant EPA conducting a "Superfund time-critical removal action." The City of Kewaunee, Kewaunee County, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WDHS) are partnering with EPA on this project.

Site Background

The building housed a K-12 community school from 1915-1999. Since the school closed, ownership transferred numerous times. Building demolition and redevelopment did not occur as planned and over the years the building has gradually fallen into disrepair. The roof is partially collapsed and portions of the building are structurally unsound. Warning signs notifying site visitors of the dangers posed by the contamination and building conditions are posted at entrances to the building.

Next Steps

EPA will be removing hazardous materials, including abandoned containers, ash, asbestos, lead, PCBs, and mercury containing devices from the building. Workers will be wearing special equipment, such as respirators, to protect themselves from the environmental hazards in the building. Work will begin the week of October 3, 2016 and is estimated to take two months to complete. EPA will conduct air monitoring throughout the clean-up to verify operations do not affect neighboring residences. Residents can expect an increase in truck traffic during the cleanup.

EPA is working with the City of Kewaunee and the Wisconsin Historical Society on plans for demolition after the cleanup is complete. Efforts will be made to preserve historically significant items from the school.

All work is being completed with public funds. Additional details regarding the plans for the cleanup and demolition are available from the contacts listed on this fact sheet.

Third floor classroom

