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Pure Earth Recycling Superfund site:

<https://response.epa.gov/pure-earth>

EPA's response to COVID-19:

www.epa.gov/coronavirus

Current Cleanup Activities

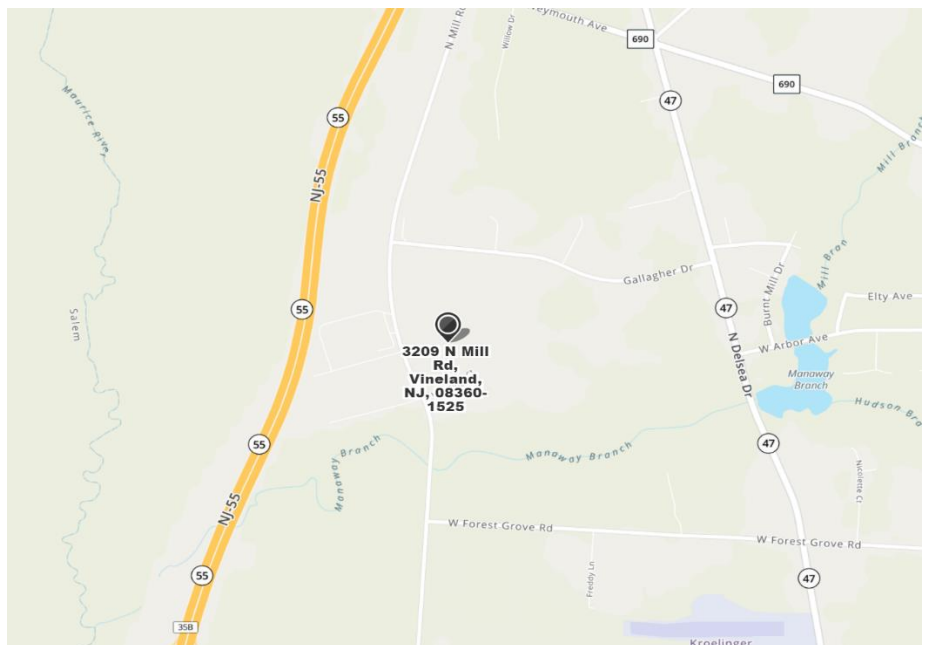
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is overseeing a Superfund removal action at the former Pure Earth Recycling site in Vineland, New Jersey. This removal action is being conducted under a legal agreement with a group of private parties, referred to in the agreement as potentially responsible parties (PRPs). Work is anticipated to begin in February 2021 and will be completed over a three-month time frame. This work is a continuation of the activities that began in 2012 with EPA's initial clean up efforts. The PRPs will remove and properly dispose of all waste contained in Tank 17. Tank 17 is a 200,000-gallon capacity aboveground vertical steel tank that contains approximately 16-foot or 70,000 gallons of waste, and is the only remaining tank at the site.

In response to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, EPA is working to ensure cleanup activities at Superfund sites do not pose a risk to the health and safety of communities, EPA staff, state staff, PRP staff, and contractor personnel. The PRPs contractors are implementing a health and safety plan which incorporates specific protocols for preventing the spread of the COVID-19 virus during site activities by using best practices such as wearing face coverings and other appropriate personal protective equipment, and social distancing. The PRP will be conducting employee temperature checks and tracking employees who might be ill;

following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relating to COVID-19. EPA is coordinating site mitigation work with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

Background

The former Pure Earth Recycling Superfund site, shown on the map to the right, is located at 3209 North Mill Road, 3119, and 3137 Chamings Court in Vineland, New Jersey. The site is a former hazardous waste treatment facility bordered by industrial facilities and isolated residences. The cleanup at the former Pure Earth Recycling facility began in July 2012 and has included removing and disposing of drums containing hazardous substances, more than 240,000 gallons of waste oil, and excavating 50 tons of contaminated sludge from two settling ponds. Currently, the NJDEP is evaluating management options for the estimated 70,000 tons of treated soil stockpiled on site.



EPA appreciates your patience and cooperation during the field activities associated with the removal action.