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NAVAJO FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES (NFPI) CLEANUP ACTION

Starts the Week of July 5, 2021

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Public Health and Safety

USEPA will ensure the community will not come into contact with asbestos from the project.

- All work areas will be secured so asbestos does not spread off site.
- USEPA will minimize dust with water or other measures to ensure the dust does not leave the designated work area.
 - USEPA will monitor the air to ensure nearby residents and businesses are safe and our measures are effective.
 - Air monitors will be placed in between work locations and the Chapter House, businesses and the school. Monitoring data will be available on our website at response.epa.gov/nfpi.

- All work will take place in designated work areas on the NFPI property.
 - Only trained personnel will be allowed on the property.
- Workers onsite may wear protective suits and respirators in tented areas during the project.
 - Suits may be needed onsite since workers are close to asbestos containing materials.



Example of a sign that will be posted to let the public know there is an asbestos hazard at the site.

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USEPA to remove asbestos from former NFPI property

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is working with the Red Lake Chapter and the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA) to address asbestos at the former NFPI property. USEPA's work at the former NFPI property will include removing asbestos and demolishing the former wood kiln building. The USEPA is doing this work to prevent community's exposure to the asbestos on the property.



Figure 1: A view of the deteriorating NFPI kiln building to be demolished.

NFPI Property Information

The former Navajo Forest Product Industries (NFPI) property contains a large, damaged standing concrete kiln building which had been used to dry processed lumber (*Figure 1*). Asbestos containing material was found in the building and on top of nearby soils. The Red Lake Chapter House and a Charter School are located nearby the former NFPI property.

Upcoming Asbestos Cleanup Action: Summer 2021

- USEPA plans to begin removing asbestos from the former kiln building and from scattered building materials at the NFPI site tentatively the week of July 5, 2021.
 - Work is scheduled from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and should take approximately three or four months to complete.
- During demolition activities, USEPA will take precautions to control and manage asbestos to ensure protection of the public.
 - USEPA will do air monitoring onsite and at the perimeter of the work area to ensure asbestos does not spread.
 - Please stay out of work areas, even after hours, and please contact USEPA if there are any concerns.
- The USEPA will remove asbestos from the former kiln building, from piles of building debris and from the surface of the NFPI site.
- Collected asbestos will be properly contained and disposed of at a permitted off-site facility.
- Remaining material no longer containing asbestos, will remain onsite and addressed by Navajo Nation.
- USEPA will keep the community updated with fact sheets and a website that will show the progress of the work.