

Federal, State and Local Update on the Menominee, Michigan Warehouse Fire 10/21/22

Coordinating agencies:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Menominee County
Marinette County
Public Health, Delta & Menominee Counties
Marinette County Public Health
City of Menominee
City of Marinette

Menominee, Mich. (October 21, 2022) – This morning, the Menominee Fire Department announced the fire is out at the Menominee, Michigan warehouse fire site. After a thorough examination by on-site personnel and thermal imaging by drone, no hot spots or fire were found. The fire department met with the property owners who felt comfortable taking responsibility for the site. During the course of material removal over the next week, additional hot spots are probable. The fire department has developed a plan to respond back to the scene if/when the hot spots are encountered. The fire department is in the process of cleaning and removing equipment from the scene. Sixty-eight fire departments from Michigan and Wisconsin assisted with the fire over the 16-day period. Next steps include debris and firefighting water removal from the site.

Air monitoring will continue at the site during the debris removal. EPA will discontinue air monitoring in the community now that the fire is out.

The multi-agency response team will continue water sampling and evaluating the results. All final, validated data will be posted to the website: response.epa.gov/menomineewarehousefire. If future sampling shows results above state health based or regulatory standards, further action will be taken, and residents will be notified immediately.

This will be the last daily press update from Unified Command at the Menominee, Michigan Warehouse Fire response. Moving forward, updates will be sent when new information is available. All previous press updates, documents, photos and more can be found at: response.epa.gov/menomineewarehousefire.

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