



COMPOUNDERS, INC.
15 MARL ROAD
HOWELL TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY



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Upcoming Activities

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is overseeing the sampling and removal of around 200 to 300 drums and containers found at the former Compounders Inc site in Howell Township, NJ. The Potentially Responsible Party and its contractor will secure the property by installing a fence around the perimeter of the site. They will then collect samples from the drums and containers to understand the contents and ship all of the hazardous materials offsite. EPA will oversee all site removal operations including air monitoring around the facility during the work.

This work is expected to begin once EPA gains access to the property and will take several weeks to complete. During these activities, residents living near the site may experience increased traffic. Some site workers may be dressed in protective clothing to keep contamination off their clothes; however, this does not mean there is a risk to the surrounding residents.

At this time, EPA is providing 24-hour security at the site until the property can be properly secured. Howell Township and Farmingdale Borough will continue to work with local and state police officers to patrol the facility as well. The New Jersey Attorney General's Office is conducting an ongoing investigation.

Past Activities

On February 9, 2023, Howell Township Fire Departments were dispatched to the former Compounders Inc site, where they discovered materials burning inside an old metal structure on site. Firefighters found numerous drums and smelled a chemical odor. After extinguishing the fire, firefighters called the Howell Township Office of Emergency Response (HTOER) who called in the Monmouth County Department of Health (MCDOH) to address potential hazardous materials. MCDOH discovered large quantities of 55-gallon drums, along with smaller quantities of other containers around the site. MCDOH and HTOER also found spilled materials on the ground and open drums, as well as solid waste.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) Bureau of Emergency Response assessed the site after a request from MCDOH and found approximately 200 to 300 55-gallon drums and containers, many of which were either bulging, rusting, denting, or leaking.

NJDEP requested EPA's assistance on February 15, 2023. EPA found there were breaches in the front fence of the property and no fence securing any other side of the property. EPA observed containers that were leaking and labeled as hazardous materials.

Site Background

The site is located at 15 Marl Road in Howell Township, NJ and is the former location of Compounders Inc., a facility that manufactured a number of chemical compounds, including glues, adhesives, and asphalt materials. Compounders Inc. operated until 2019. The current owner purchased the business as part of a stock sale in 2021.



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