



United States Environmental Protection Agency

Region 1

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Removal Action Request

Please fill out the following to the best of your ability so that EPA's Emergency Response and Planning Branch can initiate our Time Critical Removal Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection. When possible, provide analytical, property ownership and any community relations information that will facilitate our evaluation.

EPRB management will assign an On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) once we receive your request and you or your point of contact will be contacted by an OSC within a week

NOTE: If this is a release of oil and or hazardous materials contact the National Response Center 800-424-8802. The EPA Region One Duty On-Scene Coordinator will contact you to coordinate appropriate response actions.

Site Name:

Site Lat/Long:

Site Address:

State POC/Contact Info:

Site Owner/Access Contact:

1. Priority Action Requested for EPA coordination/field deployment:

- "Urgent" requesting site evaluation 2-3 weeks
- Time Critical action within 2 months

2. Describe the site history, state actions, city/town actions to explain why the site is being referred to EPA:

3. Describe COCs/ Identify Risks & Receptors. Background site conditions (reference prior reports if applicable):

4. Sampling Data/Environmental Reports:

5. Environmental Reports (Y/N)

Yes

No

If yes, please identify and provide copies

6. Regulatory/Enforcement Investigative History:

7. Ownership/Tenant Information (this information helps to expedite access):

a. Title Information:

Deed: Book ____ Page ____ Please provide a copy of current deed, if possible

b. Ownership Information:

Current Owner include address, telephone numbers, e-mail if known::

Current Operators/Tenants include address, telephone numbers, e-mail if known:

Former Owners/Operators/Tenants: include address, telephone numbers, e-mail if known:

8. Local Contacts (community activists, local elected officials, etc):

9. Extenuating circumstances/Other issues?

Submitted by:

Date of Referral:

Signature

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Additional information
Former Temple Stuart, Templeton, MA RTN 2-0000924
May 2023

Brief History:

The site is a 23-acre property located which was historically used as a tissue mill and furniture manufacturer. The site was historically occupied by Holman & Harris to manufacture wooden pails, tubs and buckets from 1884 to 1909. Temple Stuart Company purchased the property and began manufacturing wooden furniture at the Site in 1910. Wastes generated included crankcase oil, paint thinners, lacquers and glues. American Tissue Mills of MA (ATTM) purchased the property in 1992 and operated until approximately 2000. PCBs, metals and petroleum have been detected in site soil and groundwater. An EPA removal action began at the site in 2002, which involved the removal of friable asbestos and other hazardous substances at the facility. Between 2004 and 2007, EPA undertook removal actions to remove PCB-impacted soil from 67 residential properties that surround the former Temple Stuart property. In 2005, a chain link fence was installed around the northern part of the site to restrict access to high levels of PCBs in surficial soil in the former landfill area.

Exposure:

In 2022, The Town of Templeton received EPA Brownfields funding for additional assessment of the Former Temple Stuart property. EPA's contractor has begun soil and groundwater assessment for PCBs, EPH/VPH, VOCs, metals and PFAS. Preliminary results revealed a PCB concentration of 362 ppm in a shallow (1-2') soil sample in an area that had been previously remediated. MassDEP is requesting an additional Removal Action to excavate PCB-impacted soil in the unfenced area of the site.

Reports:

[Energy & Environmental Affairs Data Portal \(state.ma.us\)](https://state.ma.us)