

Community Update Fact Sheet

Pennsboro, WV | EPA Region 3 | July 2024

About the Site

The Pennsboro Marble Parcel Removal Site is divided into parcels for cleanup. This fact sheet covers ongoing EPA cleanup efforts for Parcel 1 and Parcel 3. These parcels are a part of the former Champion Agate Co. Inc. property, where the company made glass marble and board game pieces. Before ceasing operations, the facility took in glass cullet and melted it in small blast furnaces to create board game pieces and marbles.

Parcel 1 is approximately a quarter of an acre. EPA and EPA contractors collected several soil samples at Parcel 1 in July 2023. They found heavy metals in the soil and in piles of glass cullet. EPA created a plan to take action at the site and address the potential threats to human health and the environment.

Parcel 3 is approximately 0.8 acres and houses one of the buildings used for manufacturing marbles of the former manufacturing facility. EPA and EPA contractors conducted a Site Evaluation on Parcel 3 in December 2023. EPA will take action at the site to address the hazardous substances and protect human health and the environment.



The map above shows the approximate area of Parcel 1 and Parcel 3.

Next Steps

EPA will conduct Removal Actions by cleaning up hazardous substances at both parcels starting in 2024. At Parcel 1, the cleanup actions include removing contaminated soils and cullet piles. The actions at Parcel 3 includes removing cullet piles and disposing of hazardous substances found on the site.

Nearby residents may see heavy equipment in the area, such as excavators and concrete trucks. There may also be temporary traffic control measures on Industrial Drive between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

The EPA site team continues to work closely with WVDEP and local government officials during efforts to address the site. For questions about the site or the current status of cleanup activities, please reach out to one of the EPA site contacts below.

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The photo above shows a pile of glass cullet found at Parcel 3.

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