



PERC SAMPLING INFORMATION SHEET

Tetrachloroethene, also known as perchloroethene or PERC, is part of a group of chemicals known as volatile organic compounds, or VOCs. VOCs are commonly used in many household products.

Dry-cleaned clothing is the most common household source of PERC.

As part of the indoor air sampling which will be conducted in the next few weeks (see the attached Fact Sheet), EPA will be using the TAGA bus mobile laboratory and Summa canisters. The TAGA bus will be used to screen the homes to find any household items that might still be in the home. Once the TAGA bus “clears” the home (determines no household items that will interfere with the sample), Summa canisters will be placed on the first floor and in the basement of your home for approximately 24 hours.

What you can do to help:

- T** Temporarily remove clothing from your home that has been dry-cleaned within the past week or within the past two weeks if kept in the plastic wrapping. If possible, wait until Summa canister sampling is complete before picking up clothes from your local dry cleaner.
- T** Review the list of household items on the attached sheet. We will provide you with a plastic storage container where you can store the household items.
- T** At least 24 hours before the TAGA bus arrives at your home, place the items on a back porch, shed, or other location outside of your home.

Other household products that contain volatile organic compounds (VOC) are:

- Paint, spray paint, or paint thinners/stripers
- Wood finishing solutions
- Gas-powered equipment
- Gasoline storage cans
- Cleaning solvents (drain, tile, or oven cleaners)
- Disinfectants
- Laundry spot remover
- Aerosol deodorizer
- Air fresheners
- Drain cleaners
- Oven cleaners
- Carpet/upholstery cleaners
- Hairspray
- Nail polish/polish remover
- Perfume/colognes
- Spray-on deodorant
- Furniture/floor polish
- Moth balls
- Hobby supplies (e.g., paints, lacquers, glues, photographic darkroom chemicals)
- Scented trees, wreaths, potpourri

If you require additional help removing items from your home or have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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