

Emergency Inspection and Cleanup at Ken's Metal Finishing

Ken's Metal Finishing Site
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Ken's Metal Finishing is in the process of being cleaned up by EPA.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has begun an emergency inspection and cleanup at Ken's Metal Finishing. The cleanup will be conducted under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, better known as the Superfund law. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency asked EPA to undertake this emergency cleanup.

EPA will conduct the following activities at the site:

- Install a security fence around the site to stop unauthorized access.
- Secure the building to ensure the safety of workers.
- Conduct sampling inside the building for dust and particulates in the air as well as material suspected of containing asbestos.
- Sample the containers of unknown solid and liquid chemicals to determine where and how to dispose of them.
- Properly dispose of the chemicals.
- Possibly decontaminate, dismantle and dispose of process equipment and associated piping.

During the inspection and cleanup activities, indoor and outdoor air monitoring will be conducted around the perimeter of the site to ensure that workers are safe and that pollution is not released into the neighborhood.

The cleanup is expected to take about 30 days.


Background

Ken's Metal Finishing is a former metal electroplating and polishing facility that began operation in 1978. In an assessment of the site conducted March 19 and 20, EPA found that the site was too accessible and there were many containers of corrosive, toxic, flammable and other hazardous materials. The building is unsound and EPA found several hazardous waste violations. Located at 2333 Emerson Ave. N., the site is close to a residential neighborhood that includes a child-care center, schools, churches and a park. The condition of the containers and the building make current conditions unsafe for the neighborhood, prompting this emergency cleanup.

EPA Conducting Urgent Cleanup at Ken's Metal Finishing Site

Hundreds of Containers
At the Site
May Hold Hazardous Chemicals

(details inside)

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