



# JEWETT WHITE LEAD COMPANY SITE REMOVAL ACTION FACT SHEET

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## Jewett White Lead Company (2000 Richmond Terrace)

The Site is located on the north shore of Staten Island in the Port Richmond area. It consists of an approximately one-acre parcel of land located at 2000-2012 Richmond Terrace, in the Borough of Staten Island, Richmond County, New York. ***The site is the empty lot on the corner of Richmond Terrace and Park Avenue (formerly the Sedutto's ice cream factory) located directly behind the ferry bound bus stop.*** It was formerly used by John Jewett & Sons White Lead Company to manufacture white lead during the period 1839 to 1898. National Lead Industries purchased the business and subsequently operated at the location for several decades. A major fire destroyed the plant's main building and storage house in the 1920s. Between 1949 and 1990, various businesses operated at the location. By the late 1990s, there had been several fires at the Site, which eventually led to the clearing of any remaining structures and debris in 2000. Currently, the property is fenced and is being used by the property owner to store construction materials and equipment. ***Residents are advised not to enter the property.***

EPA received a request in June 2008 to evaluate the Site for a possible cleanup from then Councilman (currently Congressman) Michael McMahon. EPA collected soil samples throughout the Site in December 2008. Elevated levels of lead were detected throughout most of the Site, both laterally and with depth. Off-site samples were collected from four locations along Richmond Terrace next to the Site in order to determine if contamination had migrated from the Site. Evidence of surface runoff leaving the Site was apparent along Richmond Terrace near the bus stop in December 2008. Lead was detected in the off-site samples, albeit at lower concentrations than on the Site.

EPA has determined that an interim Superfund removal action is needed to address the potential for soil contamination to migrate offsite due to the current use of the Site. EPA is working with the property owner to address these concerns. The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the New York State Department of Health are currently evaluating the analytical data generated by EPA to provide a determination of potential health concerns posed by the Site. ATSDR is the lead federal public health agency responsible for determining human health effects associated with toxic exposures. Additional cleanup activities may be necessary to address health concerns identified as part of this evaluation. EPA has briefed key community members and organizations on activities related to the site and a meeting with the community is scheduled to take place in the upcoming weeks. We will keep you up to date with letters and postings.

