



REMOVAL

# Stenton Trust Mill Sanford, Maine

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### SITE DESCRIPTION:

The Stenton Trust Mill Site is an abandoned former textile manufacturing facility built in the 1920's. In 2008, EPA completed a removal action that included consolidating and removing hazardous materials stored in drums from the site. At the time of the removal action, EPA noted that portions of the facility were constructed with asbestos containing building materials. The asbestos-containing building materials were part of the occupied and actively leased properties and did not pose a threat to human health or the environment. In June of 2017, a large fire engulfed and badly damaged significant sections of the Mill Building. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Sanford requested EPA's assistance in conducting a site investigation to evaluate the damage caused by the fire. EPA conducted a site investigation in September 2017 and determined that a potential for release of asbestos was present due to the condition of the buildings.

### NEXT STEPS

EPA, working with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the Town of Sanford, has developed a plan to dismantle and dispose of portions of the mill building (identified as Tower C and Sections B and D on the included map), removal of friable and potentially friable asbestos in Tower A and the removal of some soils located around the building that contain hazardous materials.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

EPA will begin the removal of asbestos in Tower A during the week of June 3, 2019. Demolition of Tower C and Sections B and D will begin after asbestos removal in Tower A is completed, which is anticipated for early July. EPA expects the building demolition activities to be completed by late September/early October. During the demolition activities, EPA will need to close down Stenton Trust Drive, requiring the installation of a temporary road which was installed during the week of May 27 to provide continued

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access to an adjacent business. EPA will establish a temporary staging area on the property to store debris and soil that is removed from the building area, pending transportation and disposal to an appropriate disposal location. Any soil left waiting for transportation at the staging area will be properly secured during

non-working hours. To prevent asbestos material from becoming airborne, EPA will be using dust suppression techniques, such as keeping all material worked on wet through continuous misting. Real time air monitors will be set up along the perimeter of the site to confirm the effectiveness of the dust suppression techniques. Residents

should expect to see workers in protective suits designed to reduce exposure to the materials they are handling. Work will occur during the hours of 7am-5pm Monday - Friday throughout the removal action. During the month of June, asbestos removal in Tower A will also occur on Saturdays.

