



BoRit Health Consultation Public Meeting

WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP, UPPER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP, AMBLER
BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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PADOH/ATSDR PUBLIC MEETING

The **Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH)**, along with the **Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)** will be holding a Public Meeting on Monday, March 9th in the Wissahickon Middle School Cafeteria. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm, in which the Health Consultation prepared for the BoRit Site will be discussed with the public. The meeting will begin with a presentation which will give an overview of the document, followed by a question and answer session. You are invited to come and ask questions you may have about the Health Consultation. The **Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3 (EPA)** will also be providing a quick update of the construction that has been occurring at the site.



You're Invited!



**PADOH and
ATSDR's Public Meeting
Monday, March 9th
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Wissahickon Middle School Cafeteria
500 Houston Road
Ambler, PA 19002**

Representatives from PADOH and ATSDR will present the recently published Health Consultation and be available to answer your questions!

In addition EPA representatives will be providing an update on the construction occurring on the BoRit Asbestos Site.

HEALTH SUMMARY

PADOH and ATSDR prepared a health consultation that evaluated cancer incidence in communities near the BoRit Asbestos Site. The following is a summary of the document's major findings:

- ATSDR and PADOH believe cases of mesothelioma are most likely due to exposures that occurred in the past when asbestos facilities were operating and exposing workers and possibly household contacts of these workers.
- Recent air sampling results collected at or near the site indicates that residents in that community are not currently being exposed to asbestos at a level of health concern.
- PADOH and ATSDR evaluated cancer cases reported to the state cancer registry in the three zip code areas closest to BoRit and compared this number to what would normally be expected elsewhere in Pennsylvania. While mesothelioma, a cancer of the lining of the lungs and linked closely to asbestos exposure, was seen at an elevated rate compared to the rest of Pennsylvania, the difference was not found to be significant.

Visit EPA's website for
more information on the
BoRit Asbestos Site at:
www.epaosc.net/BoRit

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If you would like to see a full copy of the Health Consultation that has been prepared for the BoRit Asbestos Site, you may:

- Find an electronic copy of the report on the EPA website: www.epaosc.net/borit
- Obtain a hardcopy at the BoRit Command Post, located at 324 West Maple Avenue in Ambler;
- Obtain a hardcopy at the Ambler Branch of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library, located at 209 Race Street in Ambler.

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