



# BoRit Asbestos Site

Whitpain Township/Upper Dublin Township/Ambler Borough  
Montgomery County, PA

## Community Update 11 Aug, 2008

### EPA CONDUCTS PLANNING WITH US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Demonstrating our commitment to developing a Removal Project at the BoRit Asbestos Area site that incorporates suggestions from the BoRit Community Advisory Group, EPA has divided the work to be done onsite into distinct phases. The Agency has decided to proceed carefully with this project. EPA consulted with USACE hydrological experts and local municipal officials who expressed concern that the stream bank removal project needed to be carefully planned in order to contain and control surface water coming through Rose Valley Creek and Tannery Run which both have flooded low lying sections of Ambler Borough and Whitpain Township in the past. EPA is concentrating the remainder of this construction season to the stabilization of the of Wissahickon Creek bank adjacent to the park.



EPA confers with US Army Corps of Engineers hydrologists at the conduit at Rose Valley Creek

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ONSITE

Continued grubbing and  
clearing where necessary

Ongoing air monitoring

### EPA Contractors

EPA is utilizing 3 contracting services for the BoRit Asbestos Area Site.

The **Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS)** services are provided by WRSCompass Environmental. The ERRS contractor provides labor and mechanical services.

**WRSCompass** is an experienced, highly skilled technical and professional workforce of 750. They have more than 25 years experience in the environmental and construction industry. WRSCompass is known for their ability to provide efficient solutions to a wide-ranging number of environmental challenges. They have a reputation for providing outstanding customer service, while also being recognized nationally for maintaining high safety and accident prevention standards.

Further information about WRS/Compass can be found at the following website.  
<http://www.wrscompass.com/>

**Superfund Technical Assistance and Response Team (START)**-The START contractor for the BoRit Site is Tetra Tech. The START contractor provides technical assistance and emergency response planning.

**Tetra Tech** is a leading provider of consulting, engineering, and technical services worldwide. They are a diverse company, including individuals with expertise in science, research, engineering, construction, and information technology. Further information about Tetra Tech can be found at <http://www.tetrattech.com>

**Response, Engineering and Analytical Contract-REAC** is providing technical and analytical services including data collection, sampling and sample analysis for the BoRit Site. REAC is a subcomponent of the Environmental Response Team. ERT and REAC conducted the sampling and analysis during the Removal Assessment conducted Oct 2006 through Nov 2007.

**EPA contractors are not allowed to speak with the general public without the expressed permission of the On-Scene Coordinator.**

## Health agencies release report on EPA's 2006-2007 air sampling data

The Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry jointly released a health consultation which evaluates the air sampling data EPA collected from April 2006 until November 2007. Health officials concluded that, based on the 2006-2007 air sampling results, exposures to airborne asbestos levels at or near the BoRit Asbestos Area Site are not expected to cause harmful health effects for the public. They also concluded that activities that significantly disrupt the surface of the site pose a potential public health risk. The public is encouraged to read the health consultation and make comments during a 45-day public comment period. A copy of the document is online at [www.EPAOSC.net/BoRit](http://www.EPAOSC.net/BoRit). Printed copies of the consultation are available at the EPA BoRit Site Field office, 324 West Maple Street, Whitpain Township.

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