



## **Bo-Rit Asbestos Site**

Ambler/Whitpain/Upper Dublin  
Montgomery County, PA

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**Community Update**



### **EPA Completes Air Sampling**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, completed its final round of air sampling at the Bo-Rit Asbestos Site.

Important results of these August/September samples are summarized below. All the sample results are available to the public on EPA's website at [www.EPAOSC.net/BoRit](http://www.EPAOSC.net/BoRit)

- The results of EPA's samples verified that no airborne asbestos was detected off-site.
- Three on-site sample results did show measurable levels of asbestos in the air. However, the EPA would only be concerned about these levels if people were exposed to them on a daily basis, 24-hours per day, and for a period of 30 years or longer. Again, these levels were detected **only** within the fenced perimeter of the site.

### **Summary of the Air Samples Where Asbestos was Detected**

Three out of seventy-eight samples taken on the site had measurable, airborne asbestos:

1. A concentration of 0.00049 fibers per cubic centimeter of air was found in a sampler located at the pile.
2. A concentration of 0.00048 fibers per cubic meter of air was found in a sampler located at the pile.
3. A concentration of 0.00098 fibers per cubic meters of air was found at the former park, which is no longer open to the public.

### **EPA Proposes Plan of Action to Stabilize Site**

EPA, in cooperation with PADEP, is proposing several steps to help ensure that site conditions do not worsen, including:

- Encapsulating the areas on the site where asbestos is exposed.
- Potentially removing and disposing of large pieces of asbestos-containing materials, like cement pipes.
- Stabilizing all the stream banks adjacent to the site to minimize and prevent further erosion of the banks. The banks will be stabilized in a way that will blend with the native vegetation and will provide long term protection.

All proposed work will be conducted by the EPA and we will take every precaution to ensure that human health and the environment is protected during these activities.

### **Next Steps**

EPA will present our proposed plan of action at the next Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting and ask for their comments to the plan. In January, EPA plans to hold a public meeting for the community to explain all of our sampling results and our final plan of action.

EPA also invites you to provide your comments on the action plan presented in this fact sheet. Please send comments to your Community Involvement Coordinator, Larry Johnson.

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