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**COVID Community Update****October 2020**

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Groundwater sampling will resume at the Robintech Superfund site in mid October. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and its contractors will be on site the week of October 12.

As we continue to adjust to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, EPA is taking the necessary steps to ensure that decisions about ongoing cleanup activities at Superfund sites are made with the health and safety of communities, EPA staff, state and tribal partners, and contractors as the priority.

During the ongoing situation with COVID-19, EPA temporarily suspended operations to address groundwater contamination. The suspension of work was needed as we adjusted to the ongoing situation with COVID-19. EPA contacted the facility which agreed to the restart of site activities to address residual groundwater contamination through groundwater sampling and the evaluation of anaerobic treatment to address residual volatile organic compounds, specifically, 1,1 dichloroethane, 1,1,1 trichloroethane, and trichloroethylene. An updated health and safety plan will address preventing the spread of the COVID-19 virus during site activities. This plan requires best practices for

site safety, including appropriate personal protective equipment for employees and residents, health checks of employees, and other measures, in addition to promoting safe construction practices. EPA will monitor site operations and the contractor's health and safety practices.

The decision to resume work was made in consultation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. EPA will continue to work closely with state and local health officials and all partners and stakeholders to make determinations about site work based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It's important to know that EPA maintains its ability to respond to environmental emergencies at Superfund sites or in any situation where EPA is called upon to protect human health and the environment by responding to releases of chemical, oil, radiological, biological, and other hazardous materials.

For more information on the Cinnaminson GW Contamination site, please visit:

<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/robintech>

For more information on EPA's response to COVID, please visit:

<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus>