



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Cleanup Plan Finalized for Tempo Development Portion of the Matteo and Sons Superfund Site West Deptford, New Jersey

EPA is hosting a public availability session on:

**Wednesday, November 1,
2017**
at the
Verga Fire House
1415 Crown Point Road
from **2-4 p.m.**
and **6-8 p.m.**

EPA representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you may have regarding the cleanup. There will be no formal presentation.

In September, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized its plan to continue removing lead-contaminated soil from the Tempo development in West Deptford, New Jersey. The Tempo development is part of the Matteo and Sons Inc. Superfund site and consists of approximately 36 residential properties on Birchly Court, Woodlane Drive, Oakmont Court and Crown Point Road. The cleanup will include additional investigation and removal of battery-casing material under the roads as well as remediation of residential properties. Under the plan, lead-contaminated soil will be removed and disposed of properly at a facility licensed to handle the waste. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has already begun providing support for the remedial design of the cleanup.

What are the Next Steps?

EPA and the USACE have begun to prepare the remedial design which will detail how battery-casing waste and contaminated soil will be removed from each affected property and under the roadways. Once the design is complete, EPA and USACE can start the remedial action to clean up residences in the Tempo Development. EPA will work to minimize any potential disruptions to residents during the cleanup. It is possible that some residents may need to be temporarily relocated while the work is performed. The cleanup requires that deed restrictions be placed on public right-of-way areas, such as roads, to ensure that proper precautions are taken during future construction or road work that may disturb contaminated soil below the roads. The EPA will conduct a review of the cleanup every five years to ensure its effectiveness.

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How Was Contaminated Material Discovered in this Residential Area?

In late 2015, buried battery casings were discovered during a routine sewer repair excavation of a residential yard on Birchly Court. In March 2016, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection referred the discovery to EPA for further investigation. EPA collected soil samples from the yards of the affected properties and confirmed the existence of lead associated with the battery casings at levels above the health based standards. Under EPA oversight, approximately 2,000 tons of contaminated material was removed from three residential properties on Birchly Court. The removal was completed in October 2016.

SIMPLE STEPS TO REDUCE YOUR LEAD EXPOSURE

The following steps are recommended to reduce your potential exposure to lead contamination that may be present in urban soils.

- Remove shoes at the door before entering your home to prevent tracking in any dirt that may be on your shoes. Clean the bottom of your shoes with a wet wipe or paper towel.
- Wash your hands and face after activities in the yard and always before eating, drinking, or smoking.
- Avoid digging into or disturbing soil below the surface of the ground.
- Avoid direct contact with any battery casing material.
- For more information about lead in the environment you can visit EPA's webpage at: www.epa.gov/lead



Figure 1: Buried crushed battery casings at Birchly Court