



Danversport Explosion

Neighborhood Update

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Introduction

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection continue to work closely with the Town of Danvers and other state and federal agencies to address the area impacted by the Danversport explosion. Below is an update on activities at the site. Additional information on the project and previous editions of this neighborhood update can be viewed on-line at: www.epa.gov/ne/danvers. Information can also be found at: www.danvers.govoffice.com.

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An Update on Field Activities

EPA continues to collect drums and materials from various vats, totes and small containers at the site and has consolidated and secured these materials in over-packed drums.

To date, 353 drums have been shipped off site for disposal. An additional 299 drums are scheduled to be shipped next week.

In addition, 360 cubic yards of steel have been shipped off site and 40 cubic yards of sludge paint wastes have been removed from the foot print of the former building.

Demolition activities have been completed at the Liberty Marina. MassDEP and EPA are working with the Town of Danvers, Verizon, and Danvers Electric to restore utilities to the marina.

Highlights & Reminders

√ Between 15 and 20 personnel are working on site from EPA, MassDEP, and EPA contractors. These staff and contractors are identifiable by their clothing and/or badges. Field operations are underway Monday through Saturday with Sunday used primarily for planning for the following week. On-site workers are dressed in personal protective gear while performing their jobs. This level of protection, which includes impermeable white suits and possibly respirators or air tanks, is required by federal laws.

√ The perimeter of the site remains secured to prohibit trespassing and to control access to the work area. Anyone arriving on site is required to check in at EPA's office trailer, which is accessed through the fence off of Bates Street.

√ EPA and MassDEP will continue to work closely with state and local officials to ensure that you have all the information you need to protect yourself from any potential environmental hazards. If upon returning to your home, you observe household hazardous waste materials, such as paint thinners, that have been tipped over and spilled, any oil leaking around your home heating oil storage tank, or structural damage to your basement that could have damaged a buried oil feed line, please contact the MassDEP representative listed at the end of this update.

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Air Monitoring

EPA and MassDEP continue to sample the ambient air in the vicinity of the site and to have the sampling data reviewed by Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) officials. To date, ambient air sampling results collected in the vicinity of the site and nearby neighborhood do not indicate a health concern.

EPA and MassDEP, with input from ATSDR and MDPH, developed an Ambient Air Sampling and Monitoring Plan to support the removal operations and protect the health of residents in the vicinity of the site during the removal of the chemical and hazardous waste materials from the site. If contaminants are detected at levels of concern at the site or in the neighborhood, EPA and MassDEP will conduct downwind air monitoring, modify work activities as necessary, and conduct follow up air monitoring. As an additional measure to ensure the safety of residents located near the site, EPA and MassDEP are responding to residential reports of odors by providing real time air monitoring near the residence where the concern originated.

The Ambient Air Sampling and Monitoring Plan and available sampling data can be found on EPA's dedicated website for the Danversport Explosion: www.epa.gov/ne/danvers

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