



# Neighborhood Environmental Cleanup South of Amphenol

**Former Amphenol Facility**  
Franklin, Indiana

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or visit

<https://www.epa.gov/in/amphenofranklin-power-products-franklin-ind#documents>

Amphenol completed replacing damaged sewers and digging up soil in the neighborhood south of the Amphenol site on Nov. 9. The sewer replacement work was completed in cooperation with the city of Franklin.

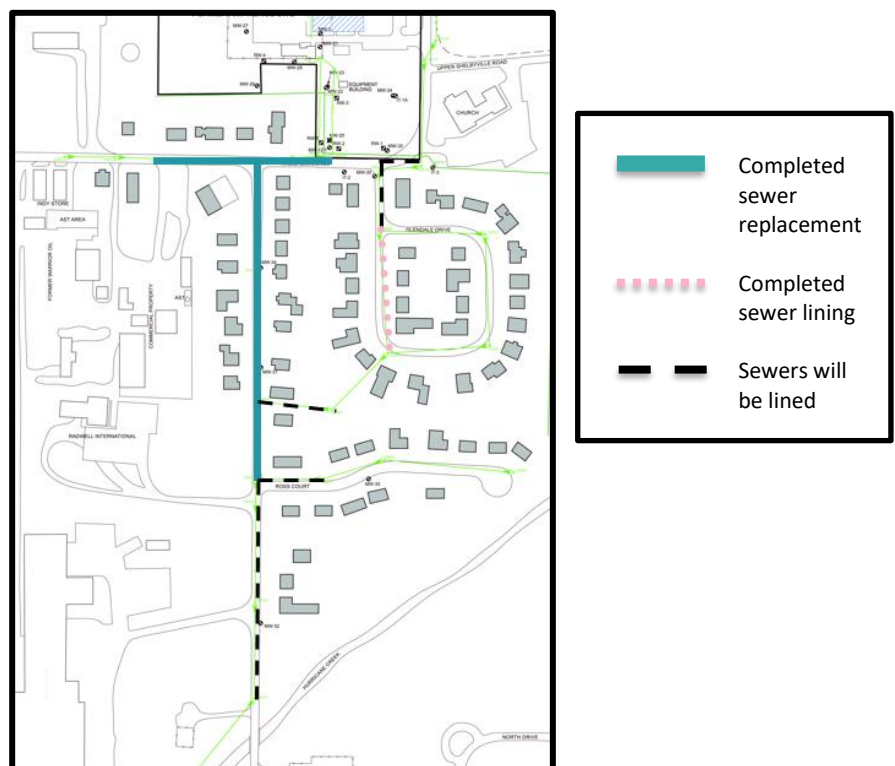
- 1,300 linear feet of sewer and six manholes were replaced.
- 6,400 tons of soil were dug out and sent to a landfill.
- 21 homeowners had damaged clay pipe connections to the sewer lines fully or partially replaced.

The streets will be repaved with bottom and middle asphalt layers by Nov 27. If the temperatures remain warm enough for asphalt work, the surface or top coat of asphalt may be placed this year. Otherwise, the final street restoration will be done in the spring of 2020.

## Sewer lining

An additional 1,300 feet of sewers will be lined starting this December. This work is expected to be completed within two weeks after it starts. The lining work is not weather-dependent but can't be done at the same time as the street repaving.

EPA thanks you for your cooperation during the construction period and apologizes for any inconvenience.





*Trench where 245 feet of the old sewer line and 340 tons of contaminated soil were dug out on the former Amphenol site north of Hamilton Avenue in October 2019.*



*Nearly 7,000 tons of impacted soil were dug up and sent to a landfill in the blue containers shown here.*

## **On-site cleanup**

Until 1983 when the former Bendix plant closed, contaminated process water was poured into a floor drain connected to the city's sanitary sewer system. When the contaminated water flowed through the sewer line along Hamilton Ave and North Forsythe St, it leaked out and contaminated the surrounding soil and groundwater. In 1989, a new sewer was installed and the old sewer was disconnected from the city sewer system and left in place. In October, Amphenol dug out the old sewer and surrounding soil which was sent to a landfill.

## **Corrective action process**

Corrective action, a component of the federal [Resource Conservation and Recovery Act \(RCRA\)](#), requires facilities that treat, store, or dispose of hazardous wastes to investigate and clean up hazardous releases into soil, groundwater, surface water and air. In 1984, Congress passed the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments, which granted EPA expanded authority to require corrective action at permitted and non-permitted treatment, storage and disposal facilities.

The RCRA corrective action cleanup process focuses on results rather than specific steps, and is flexible, depending on site-specific conditions. A typical cleanup may include steps such as: initial site assessment, site characterization, interim actions, evaluation of remedial alternatives, and implementation of the selected cleanup plan.

See this webpage to learn more about the RCRA corrective action program

<https://www.epa.gov/hw/learn-about-corrective-action>.