



REMOVAL

Lavoie Property Site Berlin, NH

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responds to chemical, biological and radiological releases and large-scale national emergencies, including homeland security incidents. EPA conducts short term cleanups in the removal program when necessary to protect human health and the environment by either funding response actions directly or overseeing and enforcing actions conducted by potentially responsible parties.



SITE DESCRIPTION

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be conducting a removal action at the Lavoie Property Site (Site), 640 Hillside Ave in Berlin, NH. The site was referred to the EPA by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in 2019. The Site is a mostly wooded area that consists of three parcels that were used as an unlicensed junk yard and is bordered by residential properties (please see attached map). During EPA's Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigation in 2019, samples collected showed the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and lead in the surface soil that are above levels of concern.

EPA will be back on Site September 2020 to start preparing the three parcels for the upcoming removal action. Preparation will consist of approximately 2-3 weeks of brush and tree removal. This is necessary as the site has not been occupied or used for years, is overgrown and has impaired access to contaminated soils due to the overgrowth. The On-Scene Coordinator and Community Involvement Coordinator will be on site to conduct localized residential outreach and to answer any question that the community may have. Upon completion of the site preparation, EPA will excavate the contaminated soils and transport them off-site for disposal. The consolidation and removal of PCB and lead contaminated soils will continue for the remainder of the year as the weather permits. EPA anticipates that winter weather conditions will necessitate a temporary suspension of Site activities, with work being competed in the spring of 2021.

The likelihood of off-site public exposure is minimal, as the main contaminants at the Site (PCBs and lead) typically bind to the soil and would not migrate either offsite or into groundwater.

PCBs are a group of man-made organic chemicals that manufactured in the United States from 1929 until manufacturing was banned in 1979. PCBs have a range of toxicity and vary in consistency from thin, light-colored liquids to yellow or black waxy solids. For more information about PCBs, please visit: www.epa.gov/PCB.

Lead is a naturally occurring element found in small amounts in the earth's crust. While it has some beneficial uses, in high concentrations it can be toxic to humans and animals, causing negative health effects. For more information about lead please visit: www.epa.gov/lead

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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Figure 2

Site Map/Diagram

Lavoie Property Site
640 Hillside Avenue
Berlin, New Hampshire

EPA Region 1
Superfund Technical Assessment and
Response Team (START) IV
Contract No. EP-S3-15-01
TDD Number: TO1-01-19-04-0007
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LEGEND

□ Site Boundary



0 50 100
Feet

Data Sources:

Imagery: ESRI, i-cubed, USDA FSA, USGS
AEX, GeoEye, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGP
Topos: MicroPath
All other data: START



City of Berlin, NH / Residential letter,

My name is Darriel Swatts, I'm a Community Involvement Coordinator with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I am writing you today to inform you about upcoming work near your home. EPA is conducting a removal action at the Lavoie Property Site (Site), 640 Hillside Ave in Berlin, NH (The Site also contains two undeveloped parcels located behind the 640 Hillside Ave. address). Removal responses are common at Superfund Sites when the contamination poses an immediate threat to human health and the environment. Removals are classified as either emergency, time-critical, or non-time-critical depending on the extent and type of contamination.

During EPA's Preliminary Assessment / Site Investigation in 2019, samples collected showed the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and lead in the surface soil that are above levels that trigger an EPA response; therefore, making this site a time-critical removal. Please note, the likelihood of off-site public exposure is minimal, as PCBs and lead typically bind to the soil and would not migrate either offsite or into groundwater.

Starting Sept 14, 2020 EPA will begin preparing the Site for the upcoming excavation and removal of contaminated soils. This preparation will consist of approximately 2-3 weeks of brush and tree removal as the site is currently unused and is overgrown.

EPA will be making a presentation during the virtual City Council meeting on Monday, September 21st at 6:30pm (login information is included below)

City Council Meeting

Time: Sep 21, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84425480843?pwd=aVBESUVEZ1haNVY4WVFFYU90TUERZz09>

Meeting ID: 844 2548 0843

Passcode: 020248

Dial in: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York)

A fact sheet will be mailed out in the upcoming weeks to provide additional information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. We are willing to discuss by email, telephone or video calls.

Respectfully,

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