



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 2
290 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, NY 10007-1866

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Dear Resident:

I am writing to make sure that you are fully aware that ground water beneath homes in a portion of Pompton Lakes is contaminated due to past operations at the DuPont Pompton Lakes Works facility located on Cannonball Road. **There is no indication at this time that ground water beneath your home is contaminated**, however, as a precaution, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) are overseeing the sampling of soil gas beneath certain homes located outside the plume. This letter is being sent to those homeowners located in the "Expanded Investigation Area", or "buffer zone", that have not had sub-slab sampling performed to-date.

EPA and NJDEP have found the chemicals trichloroethylene (TCE) and/or perchloroethylene (PCE) in the soil gas below homes near you at levels that exceed health standards. Contaminated gas from the sub-slab soil could be migrating into those homes and putting household residents at risk. Because of this, and the fact that cleanup of contaminated ground water may take many years to complete, we have strongly encouraged those residents to have a vapor mitigation system installed. Again, there is no indication at this time that you need to have a vapor mitigation system installed, however, as a precaution we advise you to consent to have your soil gas sampled or arrange to hire your own contractor to collect a soil gas sample.

You may have been notified previously that you may choose either a DuPont contractor (O'Brien & Gere) or an NJDEP contractor to conduct sampling of the soil gas under your home. The purpose of this letter is to let you know that you now have a third option of choosing your own contractor to conduct soil gas sampling at no cost to you. We are providing this option because some residents who have expressed an interest in having vapor intrusion sampling conducted would prefer to choose their own contractor.

The option of choosing a sampling contractor is available to residents in the buffer zone that have not had a sub-slab sample taken by DuPont or NJDEP. If you exercise this option, you must use a New Jersey Licensed Site Remediation Professional with adequate experience and expertise to conduct vapor intrusion sampling. Furthermore, if you choose to select your own contractor, you will be required to enter into a contract with the New Jersey Licensed Site Remediation Professional performing the vapor intrusion sampling.

EPA and NJDEP would like to emphasize the following:

1. Vapor intrusion sampling would be conducted at no cost to you. DuPont or NJDEP make all arrangements for the sampling when they perform the work. However, if you hire your own contractor, you will be responsible for entering into a contract with the sampling contractor. If the contract and costs are within the guidelines established for this program approved by NJDEP and EPA, DuPont will pay those costs associated with the collection and analysis of the samples.

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2. To choose your own sampling contractor, contact a New Jersey Licensed Site Remediation Professional to conduct vapor intrusion sampling. The necessary forms are available at http://www.epa.gov/region02/waste/dupont_pompton/selection_of_samplingcontractor.html or you can call me at (212) 637-3653 for more information on how to get started.
3. To request NJDEP to conduct the sampling call Mindy Mumford, NJDEP, at (609) 777-1976 or visit : http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/community/sites/dupont_pompton_lakes/vi_testing_letter_20100409.pdf
4. To request DuPont to conduct the sampling, contact them at (973) 492-7703.

Here is the process to follow should you choose to hire your own contractor:

- Contact me at (212) 637-3653.
- Sampling contractor responds to the questions in the Pre-Qualification Section of the "Private Contractor Sampling Requirements."
- Homeowner and sampling contractor submits the "Homeowner and Selected Contractor Information" and a Quality Assurance Project Plan based on the items highlighted in yellow in the "Contractor Quality Assurance Project Plan".
- If the sampling contractor is acceptable to EPA and NJDEP, the contractor must follow the procedures included in "*Indoor Air/Sub-slab Vapor Sample Collection Procedures Scope of Work*" and Section 2.2 of the *Vapor Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan – DuPont Pompton Lakes Works,*" dated June 16, 2008.
- Homeowner and contractor fill out the "*Indoor Air Building Survey and Sampling Form.*"

A list of New Jersey Licensed Site Remediation Professionals is available at http://datamine2.state.nj.us/DEP_OPRA/OpraMain/categories?category=SRRA. If you have any questions you may contact me at (212) 637-3653 or Mindy Mumford, NJDEP, at (609) 777-1976.

Sincerely yours,



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