

# Community Update



former Hopewell Precision, Inc. Site  
East Fishkill, New York

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## STATUS OF EPA'S ACTIVITIES AT THE FORMER HOPEWELL PRECISION SITE AN UPDATE ABOUT THE CLEANUP IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing this fact sheet to update residents and local officials with the status and latest information on the former Hopewell Precision, Inc. Site in East Fishkill, New York.

**A Brief Description of the Site** - The former Hopewell Precision, Inc. Site is located on Ryan Drive in the Town of East Fishkill in Dutchess County, New York. The 3-acre Site was leased by Hopewell Precision, Inc. from 1975 until 1981, when the business moved its operations to a new facility next door. Operations at the Site included sheet metal fabrication and painting. The Site is now occupied by the Nicholas Brothers Moving Company and is used for storage. The Site is situated in a semi-rural residential area and is surrounded by private homes.

**What's Going On Now** - EPA has sampled the private (drinking water) wells of 239 residences located in the vicinity of the Site. These samples were collected over four time periods, with the most recent samples collected during the week of June 16<sup>th</sup>. The samples are analyzed for volatile organic compounds (these are chemicals that can readily evaporate into the air), to determine if releases of hazardous substances from the Site are impacting residential wells. Based on the laboratory results which EPA has received to date (EPA has not yet received laboratory results from the most recent June sampling event), there are 30 residences with private wells contaminated with Trichloroethylene (also known as TCE - a chemical used for cleaning or degreasing), at levels ranging from 0.96 parts per billion (ppb) to 250 ppb. Additionally, 24 residences have private wells containing TCE above the federal safe drinking water

level of 5 parts per billion (this safe drinking water level is also called the Maximum Contaminant Level, or "MCL"). As an interim measure, EPA is providing bottled water to the 24 residences whose private wells have TCE levels exceeding the MCL. As a longer-term measure, EPA will be installing carbon filtration systems at these homes. The carbon filtration systems will remove the TCE from the well water prior to the water being used by the residents.

In addition to the activities described above, EPA will be performing sampling which will help locate the source of the TCE contamination. Furthermore, EPA is continuing to evaluate the indoor air samples and soil gas samples (soil gas is the air present between the soil particles) which were previously collected.

**Our Goal is to Keep You Informed** - Public participation is essential to the success of the Superfund program and EPA. If you have any questions regarding EPA's response activities at the Site, please contact Don Graham, On-Scene Coordinator, at (732) 321-4345, or call Jim Haklar, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, at (212) 637-3677.

**Regional Public Liaison** - EPA, Region 2 has designated a Regional Public Liaison for you to call and express your concerns or complaints about the Superfund program. Please call (888) 283-7626.

**Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)** - A representative of ATSDR is available to answer health-related questions. Please call Jonathan Blonk, ATSDR Associate Regional Representative, at (212) 637-4304.

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