



FACT SHEET
NEW ENGLAND LOG AND HOME SITE
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

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Background

In September of 2023, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) asked EPA to conduct additional soil sampling at the New England Log Homes Site. The Site is located at 100 Bridge Street in Great Barrington, MA. Most of the 8-acre site has been cleaned up and redeveloped. The remaining undeveloped 2-acre portion of the Site requires additional soil sampling and access is restricted by a perimeter fence.

Site History

The site was first developed in 1894 as a manufacturing plant for bedspreads and cotton goods. Those operations stopped in 1963, and the property remained vacant until 1971. From 1971 through 1993, New England Log Homes occupied the property and manufactured log homes. Operations included the use of wood preservatives containing the chemical pentachlorophenol. New England Log Homes closed its facility in 1993.

In 2001, a fire significantly damaged the main building, burning half of it to the ground. Soot and debris from the fire covered the site. The damaged main building and the remaining buildings were demolished in 2012 and most of the debris was removed. In 2013, the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire began clean up efforts at the Site under MassDEP oversight. After years of extensive cleanup work, MassDEP has asked EPA to conduct more soil sampling.

Next Steps/ What to Expect

Starting in the beginning of May, EPA will begin drilling below the ground surface to collect soil samples for laboratory analysis. The community should expect to see heavy machinery on-site during the drilling operations, with some noise while this work is happening. All equipment will be decontaminated before leaving the site. Work will take place from approximately 8:00 am to 5:30 pm and workers will be in white Tyvek suits.

Based on the soil sampling results, EPA will decide what, if any cleanup actions are needed. EPA will continue to share information with the community.

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