

TOASTMASTER-MACON SITE: CLEANUP NEWS

Community Newsletter

Fall 2019

EPA Open House for the Toastmaster-Macon Superfund Site

Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019

11:00 am - 1:00 pm OR 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

First Baptist Church

302 N. Rutherford St.

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EPA conducted interviews with community members to help inform the Toastmaster-Macon Superfund site's Community Involvement Plan (CIP) and Technical Assistance Needs Assessment (TANA). EPA is hosting two open house/focus groups to provide the documents to the community for review and gather feedback on key community concerns and recommendations for technical assistance. EPA will also provide an update on the site's cleanup progress. Both events are open to the public. Join us to learn more about how you can be involved!



The former Toastmaster facility.

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What is Superfund?

Superfund is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's program for cleaning up some of America's most contaminated land and responding to environmental emergencies, oil spills and natural disasters.





Compton's Furniture & More is now located at the former Toastmaster facility, at 704 South Missouri Street.

Why am I receiving this newsletter?

You are receiving this newsletter because you may live near the Toastmaster Macon Superfund site. EPA wants to make sure that anyone who might be affected by activities at the site is aware of what is going on and knows who to call with questions.

What is the Toastmaster-Macon Superfund Site?

The Toastmaster-Macon Superfund Site covers a light industrial and residential area of Macon, Missouri, where trichloroethylene (TCE) has been detected in the groundwater, soil gas and indoor air at the former Toastmaster small-appliance manufacturing facility and other nearby properties.

What is Trichloroethylene (TCE)?

TCE is used in industrial solvents and degreasers, and household products such as correction fluids, paints, paint removers, adhesives, rug and metal cleaners, and spot removers. It is a manufactured substance and does not occur naturally in the environment. TCE is the primary contaminant of concern at the site.

What's being done to help?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 has reached settlements with Compton's LLC, Spectrum Brands, Inc. and Cooper Industries, LLC, the current and previous owners of the facility, to address TCE contamination at the site. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources conducted indoor air and sub-slab soil gas sampling at the site in July 2014. Results found elevated TCE levels in two nearby homes. In October 2014, EPA conducted a removal action that included installing vapor mitigation systems in the two homes. Additional sampling took place in 2016 and 2017, and a mitigation system was installed in a third home.

What's happening now?

EPA is currently overseeing sampling and mitigation activities at the facility to ensure that TCE concentrations in indoor air are reduced below health-based cleanup levels.

EPA is also overseeing investigations that will address the main source of TCE contamination at the site. EPA continues to review work being done at the facility, as well as data from the most recent sampling activity to address indoor air. EPA is considering a second removal action to address the source of TCE contamination.

What is a CIP?

A Community Involvement Plan (CIP) is a document that outlines how EPA plans to communicate effectively with the public during the Superfund cleanup process. The CIP reflects local concerns and priorities identified during community interviews.

To learn more about CIPs, visit: <https://go.usa.gov/xVSA7>.

What is a TANA?

A Technical Assistance Needs Assessment (TANA) is a site-specific process that identifies whether a community requires additional support from EPA to understand technical information and to enable meaningful community involvement in the Superfund decision-making process.

To learn more about TANAs, visit: <https://go.usa.gov/xVSA7>.

The CIP and TANA are available online at:

<https://response.epa.gov/toastmaster-macon-site>



What is vapor intrusion?

When shallow groundwater contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as TCE evaporates into soil below homes and businesses, the VOCs can move through cracks and pores in buildings and foundations and into the air inside. This is known as vapor intrusion.

For more information, visit: www.epa.gov/vaporintrusion.

For a citizen's guide to vapor intrusion mitigation, visit:

<https://go.usa.gov/xVSsa>



Vapor Mitigation System

What's next?

EPA is preparing an engineering evaluation/cost analysis (EE/CA) to study removal options to address the contamination source. The EE/CA is nearly complete. A 30-day public comment period will follow the EE/CA's completion. Once ready, EPA will send a postcard with a website link to view the EE/CA to provide public comments during the comment period.



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How can I get involved?

If you would like to learn more about site activities or have any questions, concerns or thoughts about the information in this newsletter, please contact:

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Where can I learn more?

Visit the site's On-Scene Coordinator Response website to review the Community Involvement Plan, Technical Assistance Needs Assessment and learn more about the site, at:

<https://response.epa.gov/toastmaster-macon-site>

The Administrative Record for the site is available at:

<https://semspub.epa.gov/src/collection/07/AR64034>.

EPA Open House

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