

Notification to Abutters
Site Investigation
Francis J. Varieur Elementary School property
486 Pleasant Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

June 20, 2014

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's (RIDEM's) Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases (the Remediation Regulations), and the Industrial Property Remediation and Reuse Act (Rhode Island General Law 23-19.14, Section 11), RIDEM is providing notice to abutters of their intent to conduct a Site Investigation at the Francis J. Varieur Elementary School property, 486 Pleasant Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, for the City of Pawtucket, at the request of the Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island. The property is further designated as Plat 65, Lots 644, 646 and 650 of the City of Pawtucket Tax Assessor's plat maps. The goal of this investigation is to determine if a release of hazardous materials has occurred on the property. The investigation will involve the sampling of environmental media (specifically soil, groundwater and soil gas, which is the air beneath the ground). All investigation activities and sampling will be conducted by RIDEM's Technical Assistance Contractor, EA Engineering Science and Technology, Inc. (EA) and/or EA's subcontractors. EA personnel will test the soil, groundwater and air beneath the ground (soil gas) at the property. EA will insert approximately 20 soil gas probes into the ground on the property and perform approximately 4 soil borings which will be converted into groundwater monitoring wells. All environmental media samples will be collected in appropriate containers and will be transported for analysis at an off-site licensed laboratory.

The investigation is scheduled to be conducted primarily in July and August, 2014, while students of the Varieur School are on summer break, and is expected to take approximately 2 months to complete. It is anticipated that EA will begin installing soil gas probes in early to mid-July. It will take approximately 2 days to install the probes and another 2 days to collect the samples. Once results of the soil gas sampling round are reviewed, EA will proceed with installation of the 4 soil borings and groundwater monitoring wells. It will take approximately 1 day to install the borings, collect soil samples, and install the monitoring wells. It will take another day to develop the wells and collect groundwater samples. All of the field work described above is dependent on favorable weather conditions and subcontractor availability, so the schedule of activities described may be subject to changes. The results of the investigation will be made available to the public when the investigation is completed.

RIDEM has determined that conducting this investigation is in the public interest.

For more information regarding this notice or this investigation, contact Joseph Martella at (401) 222-2797, extension 7109.