

Neighborhood Update

Madison Kipp Corporation Investigation & Cleanup
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)



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To keep the neighborhood well advised of progress in the investigation and cleanup at the Madison Kipp Corporation Property, DNR will release updates directly to neighbors through the DNR's website (dnr.wi.gov, search: "Kipp") and through this e-newsletter system. DNR will make efforts to notify property owners and tenants, in advance, when specific data is released that references their property or an adjacent location.

Editor's note: This is the first of three new updates which cover a range of work being conducted at and around Madison Kipp Corporation. Expect further updates early next week that detail a planned comprehensive site investigation and new vapor sampling results.

Update on Ongoing Assessment & Cleanup Activities

PCB Contamination

The DNR continues to work with Madison Kipp Corporation and their environmental consultants to address the discovery of PCBs on Kipp property.

Madison Kipp's consultant (Arcadis) recently submitted their immediate action [workplan](#) for investigating and cleaning up PCB contamination to DNR, meeting an established deadline. The work is being co-reviewed by the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Region 5 staff from the Toxic Substance Control Act enforcement program. With EPA's comments included, DNR conditionally-approved the plan, and sent a [response letter](#), outlining the required changes and additional information needed. A revised sampling map, for on-and off-site locations, will be provided to the neighborhood via the DNR web site once it is finalized.

[Click here](#) to view MKC's May 2012 progress report on PCB contamination cleanup.

See [Neighborhood Update – 05/11/12](#) for information on testing results at nine backyards adjacent to Madison Kipp, which showed no PCBs were found in the soils.

Activities outlined in this workplan are beginning today, and will continue through the weekend and into next week. Neighbors may notice crews doing work with drilling rigs and other heavy equipment on the Kipp property. DNR will be visiting the property to ensure that the consultant is conducting this work in a safe manner. Sampling will also occur in resident's yards and on city property, once permission is granted by the owners.

See [Neighborhood Update – 05/04/12](#) for information on the Notice of Violation issued to Madison Kipp Corporation for PCB Contamination.

Additional Documentation: The following PCB-specific correspondence between Madison Kipp Corporation and DNR is available online:

- [Madison Kipp Letter Dated April 27](#)
- [DNR Letter Dated May 4](#)
- [Madison Kipp Letter Dated May 9](#)

Bedrock Analysis

Arcadis also released a [workplan](#) to characterize the bedrock underneath the Madison Kipp Property. By learning more about the types of rock the property sits on, the consultant and DNR can learn more about how contamination may have migrated in the ground. During the bedrock characterization, Arcadis will also be testing the rock samples to see what types of contamination are present at various depths.

The DNR will be providing a response to this workplan soon, with recommended changes.

The process of collecting these rock samples involves the use of drilling rigs and other heavy equipment. Neighbors should expect to see this equipment being used on the property while work is being completed. DNR will be visiting the property to ensure that the consultant is conducting this work in a safe manner.

New Groundwater Sampling Results Available

Recent [groundwater sampling results](#) from April are also available for review. These tests of the shallow groundwater were conducted at monitoring wells on the Madison Kipp property and other neighborhood locations.

The results showed that contamination does not appear to be moving away from the Kipp property in the shallow groundwater. In fact, contamination levels appear to be going down, compared to previous tests. Further testing of these wells is ongoing, and sampling of the deep groundwater is planned for later this year.

Additional Resources

Where Can I Find More Information?

Website: dnr.wi.gov: Search "Kipp"

Public Document Repository: Hawthorne Public Library Information Desk
For hours and contact information visit
www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/hawthorne, 608-246-4548

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