

Hi All.

This is the ninth email update on the Fletcher's Paint Works and Storage Facility Superfund Site in Milford, NH.

The week ending June 10 was the project's biggest so far at the Elm Street Area in terms of soil excavation and disposal. 76 loads of material were transported off-site for a total of 442 total loads (9,684 tons) removed from the Elm Street Area. At the Mill Street Area, 8 loads were excavated and removed for a total of 197 loads (4,326 tons) through June 10, 2016.

Most of the work at Elm Street this past week (ending June 16) involved pulling sheet pile supports from areas already excavated and backfilled and re-installing these sheets in other areas to be excavated next week and beyond (as seen in the photo below from June 14).



This past week, GE's contractor was installing additional bracing in deep Cell O on the eastern side of the site and excavating soil on the western side of the site. The first photo below shows the placing and welding of the second level of bracing in Cell O. The second photos show a view looking over Cell O to the area being excavated in the western end of the Mill Street Area.



Air Monitoring Update:

Air monitoring for PCBs at the Elm Street and Mill Street areas started on February 17, 2016. The air monitoring results are available on the Town's website. There are four air monitoring stations around the Elm Street area and five air monitoring stations around the Mill Street area. The EPA and NHDES have been tracking the average air concentrations at each of the air monitoring stations. For the Fletcher's Paint Works cleanup, 0.854 ug/m³ is the average PCB concentration in air considered to be safe.

As of June 10, 2016, the average PCB concentrations in air at the Elm Street area ranged from 0.02 to 0.09 micro grams per cubic meter (ug/m³), and the average PCB concentrations in air at the Mill Street area ranged from 0.01 to 0.19 ug/m³.

Even though the average PCB concentrations are well below the safe level, General Electric and their contractor Maxymilian Technologies, will continue their efforts to control PCB air emissions during excavation activities at the Elm and Mill Street areas as long as daily PCB concentrations at any monitoring location are above the 0.1 ug/m³ "action level" established for the Fletcher's Paint Works cleanup.

I will be in Milford this coming Tuesday, June 21, and will knock on some doors along Cottage Street to check in with residents to see if there are any current questions or concerns. Feel free to call or email if you want me to stop by in the early/mid afternoon.

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