

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Davidson Depot Site Davidson, N.C.



Fact Sheet #3

December 2016

Public Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2016
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Davidson Presbyterian Church
214 Depot Street

Meeting Details

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide an update on recent activities and discuss next steps. Representatives from EPA, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services will be available to answer questions or address concerns that residents may have regarding contamination from the Site.

Sampling Results

Field observations and sampling results confirm that asbestos is present in the soil at several properties surrounding the Davidson Depot Site, located at 301 Depot Street in Davidson, N.C. (see map on page 2). Asbestos could be harmful to residents if they are exposed through inhalation of airborne dust. EPA is collecting and validating data to determine the extent of the problem. The results will determine what additional response actions are necessary to protect human health and the environment.

To minimize the potential for exposure to airborne dust, EPA has been wetting properties in the area using a water truck. This will continue to take place, as needed, until EPA determines what additional actions may be necessary. In addition to dust control, EPA conducted air sampling throughout the neighborhood to monitor the situation and evaluate the effectiveness of the watering. The air samples results were non detect.

What You Can Do to Help

While EPA collects the data needed to determine the next steps, you can help limit exposure by refraining from any type of yard maintenance that involves disturbing soils, such as mowing your grass, blowing leaves, gardening, raking, etc. We also ask that you try to prevent tracking dust into your home. Removing your shoes before entering is one way that you can limit exposure. Our combined efforts will minimize potential exposure and help to protect human health.

Public Health Concerns

If you believe you were exposed to any asbestos related to this Site, tell your doctor about your exposure and symptoms. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services also has materials that explain how you can possibly be exposed to asbestos and how it may affect your health (see contact information on page 2). For additional information on health concerns related to asbestos and how to minimize exposure go to:

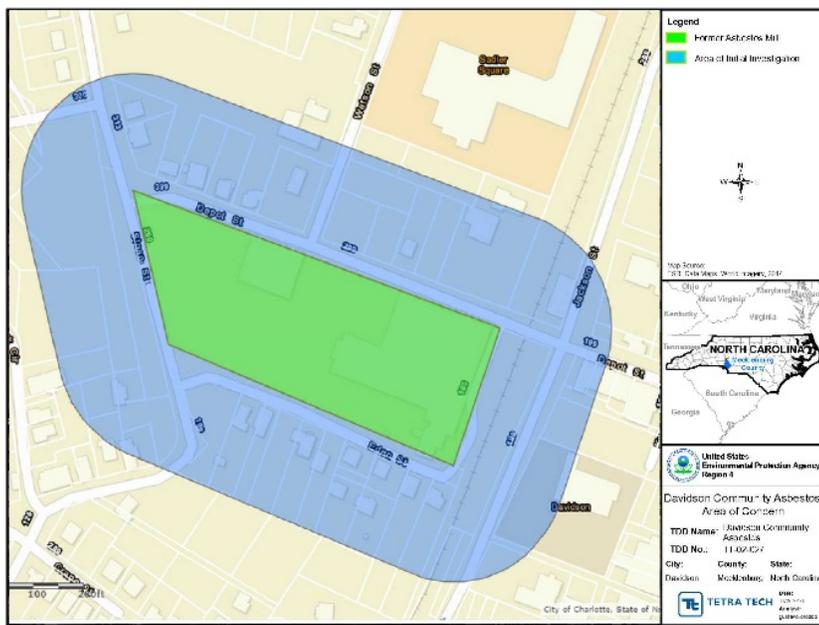
www.atsdr.cdc.gov/asbestos/

Background

In early November 2016, at the request of North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ), EPA began soil testing at residential properties adjacent to the Davidson Depot Site for possible asbestos. EPA is offering soil testing at no cost to residents on portions of Eden, Sloan, Depot, Watson and other streets nearest the Site (see map).

The samples are taken outside and homeowners do not have to be present (though homeowners can request to be present, if desired). Results will be shared with residents approximately 2-3 weeks after the samples are collected. Individual results will be kept confidential and shared directly with homeowners.

While preparing to conduct residential soil sampling, EPA identified suspected asbestos-containing material along Eden and Sloan Streets. The release was the result of a varmint digging into the embankment and a localized area where erosion had occurred. Subsequent testing confirmed the material contained asbestos. EPA oversaw the removal of this material from the streets.



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