

Former Squannacook Sportsmans Club Site Groton, MA

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SITE DESCRIPTION

The Former Squannacook Sportsmans Club Site is located at 159 West Main Street, Groton, MA. The property was used as a shooting range throughout the 20th century. Due to its historical use as a shooting range, EPA is conducting a Superfund site investigation to determine potential contamination of the soil at the property. The main contaminant of concern is lead. Sampling at the site is planned to be conducted during the week of August 16, 2021 to determine contamination levels and locations, if present.

BACKGROUND

During an environmental site investigation, performed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), sampling confirmed the presence of lead above state standards in soil. MassDEP then referred the Site to EPA for further investigation. EPA will conduct additional sampling to determine the scope and scale of contamination.

WHAT TO EXPECT

From August 17-21, 2021, EPA will be conducting sampling and on-site sample analysis using the EPA Mobile Lab. During sampling, residents should expect to see personnel and equipment working on or around the Site. Normal working hours will be between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Workers at the Site will be wearing white Tyvek Personal Protection Equipment because of their direct contact with potentially contaminated materials. Based on the results of the sampling, EPA will work with the Town of Groton and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to determine if further action to address contamination is recommended. Additionally, results of the investigation will be shared with the Town of Groton, the State and any property owners once the data is received and verified. For any questions, please feel free to reach out to EPA.

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