

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



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For additional information on health concerns related to asbestos and how to minimize exposure go to:
www.atsdr.cdc.gov/asbestos/

Sampling Results and Next Steps

Field observations and preliminary data 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 is bringing in a water truck to wet properties in the area. This will take place, as needed, until EPA determines what additional actions may be necessary. In addition to dust control, EPA is conducting air sampling throughout the neighborhood to monitor the situation and evaluate the effectiveness of the watering.

What You Can Do

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 Meeting

EPA is in the process of planning a public meeting for the week of December 5, 2016. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update on recent activities, discuss next steps and address any questions and concerns that residents may have. EPA will notify the community by distributing flyers door-to-door, once the details of the meeting (date/location/time) are confirmed.

Public Health Concerns

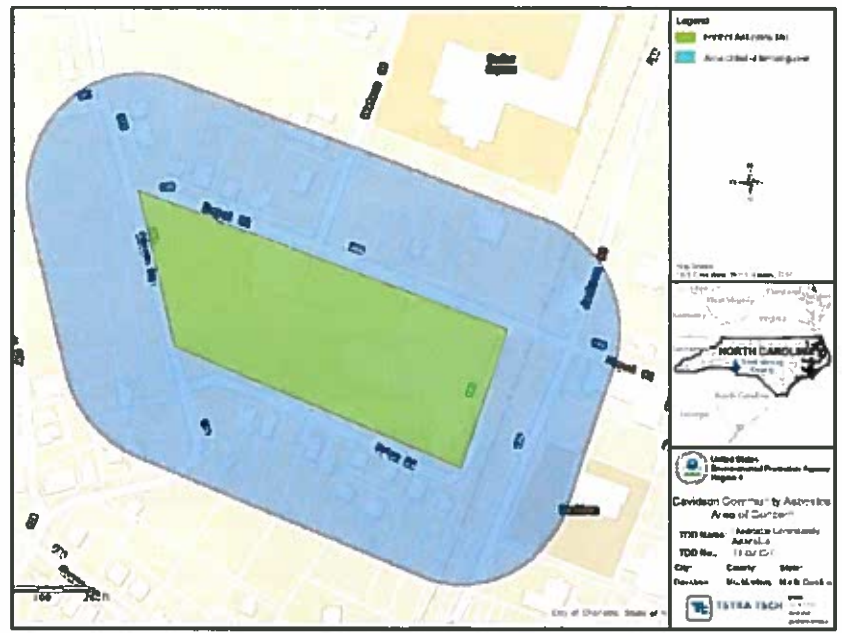
If you believe you were exposed to any asbestos related to this Site, tell your doctor about your exposure and symptoms. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services also has materials that explain how you can possibly be exposed to asbestos and how it may affect your health (see contact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

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). Final results will be shared with residents. 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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