

Additional Soil and Sewer Gas Sampling to be Conducted

In June 2023, Hercules' contractor, Arcadis, with oversight by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, conducted groundwater, soil, and sewer gas sampling to determine if any potential contaminants may have traveled from the Hercules Site to nearby properties.

The initial sampling results were compared to Agency screening values. While no contaminants were found in the groundwater, some site-related contaminants were found above screening levels in soil gas at the residential properties that were sampled. Some site-related contaminants were also found above screening levels in sewer gas samples from eight of the nine manhole locations. The sampling results were shared with property owners and tenants. **These levels do not pose an unacceptable risk.**

During the sampling event, almost two inches of rain (1.89 inches) occurred that may have "washed away" soil gas within the soil. Therefore, the EPA plans to conduct a second round of sampling near the previously sampled locations to determine if further actions may be needed. More information will be shared with the community once the results are available.

EPA will continue to investigate and monitor conditions at and around the Hercules Site to ensure public health and safety.

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