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MassDEP Authorizes Closure Activities at the General Chemical Corporation Facility in Framingham to Begin July 30, 2012

Cleaning Project: July 30, 2012 - August 15, 2012

- All hazardous and other wastes have already been removed from the GCC property, located at 133 Leland Street. Next step: clean inside the buildings and dismantle the facility's waste storage tanks.
- Cleaning inside buildings will include power washing walls, scraping and power washing floors, and cleaning surfaces and remaining equipment. All waste storage tanks at the site will be cleaned dismantled, and disposed of off-site at a facility that has approval to accept this material.
- Air pollution monitoring will be conducted throughout the cleaning and tank dismantling activities to ensure that there are no health concerns. (Pilot testing of cleaning and air monitoring systems performed on June 26 did not reveal air pollution at levels of concern for people's health.) The project will be shut down immediately if the work results in pollution levels approaching cause for concern.
- Work will be completed before the next school year starts at the Woodrow Wilson School.
- A final report documenting the cleaning project will be submitted to MassDEP within 60 days of completing closure work. MassDEP will make the report available to the public.

Project Work Schedule:

- Cleaning work is allowed to occur Monday through Saturday, 6:00am – 10:00pm. Noisy activity (e.g., tank dismantling) is restricted to 8:00am – 5:00pm on these days.

MassDEP Oversight of the Project Will Include:

- Oversight of monitoring for air pollution on-site and at the facility's fence line;
- Observation of critical cleaning activities, routine and unannounced site inspections; and
- Routine updates to Framingham officials.

Precautions to Ensure Safety:

- MassDEP will require shut down of the project if air quality monitors show that pollution levels during cleaning and tank dismantling activities approach levels of concern for people's health.
- As an extra precaution, residents near the GCC facility may choose to keep windows closed and avoid the playground at the nearby Woodrow Wilson School during the cleaning project.

For more information, visit <http://www.mass.gov/dep/about/region/gcc.htm>, or contact Albert Nardone at MassDEP (email: albert.nardone@state.ma.us, telephone: 617/292-5580).

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