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Introduction

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, working closely with the Louisville Metro Emergency Services (LMES) and the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (KYDEP), are initiating a cleanup of 6213 Applegate Lane (the Site) by using a controlled mechanical demolition.



Please Join Us at the Public Meeting

EPA will have a public meeting to inform the public of the cleanup plan and evacuation needs that may be necessary.

Date: October 5, 2023

Time: 6: 00 pm – 8: 00 pm

Location: Highview Baptist Church

7711 Fegenbush Lane Louisville, KY 40228

Upcoming Cleanup Actions

During the week of October 8, 2023, EPA will be prepping for demolition at the Site. The process involves clearing the vegetation around the Site and installing a wall made of shipping containers around the property.

The following week of October 16, 2023, the process of demolishing the building will begin, starting with the removal of the structural components of the building from around the containers stored within. As hazardous materials and debris are excavated in small amounts from the building, they will be placed in a buried steel container, crushed, and mixed with sand to control and eliminate any potential reactions. This material will then be transferred off-site for disposal. While

this work is being conducted, the house and the box will be monitored to track any sign of a fire. Fern Creek Fire will be on site to provide fire-fighting capabilities. An extensive air monitoring network will be established to detect any releases into the surrounding community so appropriate actions to stop the release can be taken. The steps EPA is taking will reduce risk to human health and the environment.

Work is expected to be completed by the end October 2023.



We Need Your Help

The Louisville Emergency Management Agency developed an evacuation/shelter-in-place plan. To effectively provide evacuation resources, EPA and LEMA wants to speak with each household that may be evacuated in case of a fire from the demolition. To determine if your property is within the evacuation or shelter-in-place zone, please visit the documents section at [response.EPA.gov/ApplegateLaneContainers](https://response.epa.gov/ApplegateLaneContainers). Please feel free to contact LMES or EPA representatives below if you have any questions.

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Background

The Applegate Lane Containers Site is located at 6213 Applegate Lane, Louisville, Kentucky.

In late July 2023, the Louisville Metro Police Department executed a search warrant for properties at 6211 and 6213 Applegate Lane where they found explosives and other hazardous materials that posed a risk to human safety.

At the request of the City of Louisville, EPA responded and assisted in evaluating options for safe cleanup of the Site while incorporating the concerns shared by the surrounding community from a meeting held on August 7, 2023.

The EPA was on site during the week of August 14 to assess the Site and found mercury contamination inside and outside of 6211 Applegate Lane. The EPA led a cleanup of the mercury contamination at the end of August 2023.

EPA entered Unified Command with LMES and KYDEP to complete the response at 6213 Applegate Lane. A strategy using controlled mechanical demolition was accepted by Unified Command and the City of Louisville. EPA will mobilize environmental response contractors to conduct the demolition and disposal work.



How to Evacuation/Shelter-in-Place?

We do not anticipate the need for an evacuation or shelter-in-place advisory, but if the need arises, be sure to know your proximity to 6213 Applegate Lane.

An evacuation is an organized relocation of citizens from dangerous or potentially dangerous areas to safe areas outside of the evacuation zone. Please immediately go to the designated evacuation location for the duration of the event.

The designated evacuation location is Highview Baptist Church, 7711 Fegenbush Lane Louisville, KY 40228.

A shelter-in-place is the use of a structure to temporarily separate individuals from a hazard or threat. Please remain indoors in your current location for the duration of the event, close all doors and windows, and turn off your HVAC unit.

If an evacuation or shelter-in-place is advised, you will receive a text alert. Alerts will also be provided through additional means including NOAA Weather Radio and local television and radio partners.

More information for sheltering-in-place may be found at

www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_shelter-in-place_guidance-chemical.pdf