



REMOVAL

Railroad Salvage/Griswold Cotton Mill Site Montague, MA

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responds to chemical, biological and radiological releases and large-scale national emergencies, including homeland security incidents. EPA conducts short term cleanups in the removal program when necessary to protect human health and the environment by either funding response actions directly or overseeing and enforcing actions conducted by potentially responsible parties.



SITE DESCRIPTION

The Railroad Salvage/Griswold Site is located at 11 Power Street in the village of Turner Falls in the Town of Montague, Massachusetts. The Site is zoned in a Historical Industrial area and the buildings were constructed in approximately 1880. The area around the Site includes a mix of commercial, industrial, and residential areas. The property includes a main mill building with a couple of adjoining buildings of wooden and brick construction. The buildings were built around 1880. The site is located between the Connecticut River (west) and a hydroelectric canal (east).

BACKGROUND

From 1884 to 1914, Turner Falls Cotton Mill owned and operated the buildings. The mill manufactured light sheeting and bandages. The building lights were fueled by oil and were also believed to be fueled by coal, an "oil room" is also indicated on the south side of the buildings. From 1920 to 1930, Griswoldville Manufacturing owned and operated the buildings. From 1935 to 1950, Turner Falls Plant of Kendall Mills operated a manufacturing plant for cotton gauze. Subsequent occupants of the buildings included Railroad Salvage, a retail store, and other occupants that used the property as a warehouse. Solutions Consulting Group, LLC acquired the Site in 2013. In December 2016, a large fire destroyed virtually all (except partial brick walls) of the mill buildings.

NEXT STEPS/WHAT TO EXPECT

The clean-up actions that EPA will be taking include the removal of asbestos containing material (ACM) include: excavation of contaminated debris/soils, and any drums/containers; transportation and disposal of contaminated soils at an EPA approved off-site facility; and backfilling the excavated area and/or repairing any response related damage.

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As cleanup work begins in the spring of 2021, residents should expect to see personnel and heavy equipment working on or about the Site. Normal working hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday to Friday. During the entire 8 to 12 month removal action, EPA will perform daily air monitoring and implement dust control and suppression for worker protection and public health, as needed. EPA estimates that approximately 100 trucks will be needed to transport and dispose the wastes generated from the Site. All wastes will be disposed of at EPA approved facilities. Before the disposal of the wastes begin, EPA will coordinate with the Town in selecting the safest traffic truck routes that also help to alleviate a potential increase in traffic.