



Raymark Superfund Site Morgan Francis Neighborhood Virtual Public Meeting



November 9, 2022 @ 6:30pm

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in conjunction with the Town of Stratford Health Department are announcing the planned remedial strategy to address Raymark Waste buried at 576 and 600 East Broadway on property historically referred to as Morgan Francis. These parcels total just under 6 acres and abut residential properties along Blakeman Place, Harris Court and East Broadway, as well as the upper portion of Ferry Creek and Interstate 95. Sometime prior to 1970, about 43,000 cubic yards of Raymark Waste was buried on the property to fill prior wetlands. In the early 1990's EPA covered the Raymark Waste area with clean soil and the property is now heavily vegetated. A perimeter fence was also installed to inhibit access. EPA is proposing to consolidate Raymark Waste from the upper portion of Ferry Creek and adjacent land owned by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) and construct a low-permeability cap suitable to allow safe reuse of the property for recreation.

Neighborhood Meeting: To learn more about this cleanup, please join us at a virtual public meeting for the Morgan Francis Neighborhood to be held on November 9th at 6:30pm. Details are on the backside of this flyer and are also available online at epa.gov/superfund/raymark. The meeting is open to the public and to anyone living around the Morgan Francis area that is interested in learning more about the project. Representatives from EPA, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP), the CT Department of Public Health (CTDPH) and the Town of Stratford will be available to hear concerns and answer questions.

What is Raymark Waste? Raymark Waste is a manufacturing waste material from the former Raybestos Industries, Inc. facility which was located at 75 East Main Street (now Stratford Crossing). From about 1920 to 1980, Raybestos manufactured brake and clutch pads for the automotive industry. Raymark Waste contains about a dozen chemicals known to be hazardous. The definition of Raymark Waste is a soil sample containing both asbestos (above 1%) and lead (above 400 parts per million (ppm)) and either polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) (above 1ppm) and/or copper (above 288 ppm). Raymark Waste was historically used as fill material at various wetland and low-lying properties in Stratford, including Morgan Francis.

Have We Been Exposed to Raymark Waste? No. The area of buried Raymark Waste on Morgan Francis was covered with more than 6 inches of clean loam as a temporary measure back in the 1990's, and is now covered by mature grass, trees and other vegetation. This prevents direct contact and any possible air-borne dispersion of chemical particles. There is also a perimeter fence and no evidence of trespassing on the primary property.

Why Dig-Up and Remove Raymark Waste? EPA decisions regarding cleanup are based on the potential for exposure to hazardous material. If EPA were to leave Raymark Waste as is at Morgan Francis (and other properties around town), Raymark Waste could become exposed in the future through erosion or other human activities that disturb the soil. To prevent future exposure, Raymark Waste from nearby properties in town will be excavated and consolidated at Morgan Francis to be safely covered with a 4-foot thick low-permeability capping system which will allow for safe recreational use of the property. The engineered capping system is resistant to erosion and greatly limits movement of chemicals into groundwater. By Superfund Law, the engineered cap will be indefinitely maintained and reviewed to ensure it remains protective of the community.

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Visit www.townofstratford.com/Raymark for updates and meeting information.

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MORGAN FRANCIS LOCATION MAP

