

EPA Begins Review of the Prestolite Battery Division Superfund Site

Vincennes, Indiana

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is conducting a review of the Prestolite Battery Division Superfund Site located along U.S. Highway 41 North in Vincennes, Indiana. The Superfund law requires regular checkups at sites where the cleanup is complete—with waste managed onsite—to ensure that the cleanup continues to protect people and the environment. This is the sixth Five-Year Review of this site.

The cleanup included the removal of more than 13,000 cubic yards of lead contaminated soil from the site and adjacent properties. Surrounding residential wells were closed, and the residents were hooked up to the municipal water supply in 1994. The site's long-term remedy includes implementing deed restrictions to limit land and groundwater use; and monitoring ground water, surface water, sediments, and natural attenuation of groundwater. Natural attenuation describes a variety of in-place processes that under favorable conditions act without human intervention to reduce the mass, toxicity, mobility, volume, or concentration of contaminants in groundwater.

More information is available at the Knox County Public Library, 502 N. 7th St. in Vincennes and at www.epa.gov/superfund/prestolite-battery. The EPA expects to complete this review in March 2026. The review process is an opportunity for you to tell the EPA about site conditions and any concerns you have.

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