

Apple Ridge Remediation Information
May 24, 2018

Although an issuance of a Response Action Outcome report was submitted on January 30, 2018 by Ken Paul, LSRP, which stated that the remediation on the former site of Apple Ridge Golf Course was completed in conformity with DEP requirements, the Borough has continued to receive inquiries regarding the status of the remediation of arsenic and lead on the property. Mr. Paul served as the project Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) and was responsible for insuring the work was done correctly.

The Borough does not oversee the remediation process. In fact, Legal Counsel has advised that the Borough does not have the authority to either stop work or revoke approvals on the basis of contamination concerns when the NJDEP has approved all remediation. The project LSRP oversees the remediation while the NJDEP, Site Remediation Program has regulatory oversight of the LSRP.

To ensure the project was correctly and thoroughly remediated, the Borough followed up with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), Site Remediation Program to request a comprehensive evaluation of Mr. Paul's reports to confirm not only that was the work done correctly, but to also confirm there were no additional measures warranted at this time. The Borough noted they continue to receive comments from residents questioning if the arsenic and lead remediated onsite through the soil blending process was a continuing contamination concern after the December 22, 2107 completion date.

On May 22, 2018, the Borough received a written response from Lynne Mitchell, Section Chief, Bureau of Field Operation, Site Remediation Program, stating the following:

“The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s Site Remediation and Waste Management Program has fully evaluated the response action outcome and supporting documentation submitted by Ken Paul, the licensed site remediation professional for the subject site. We have determined that the remediation was conducted in accordance with the applicable remediation regulations and guidance and that the remedy protects public health and safety and the environment.”

The Borough further requested confirmation that, if the NJDEP concurred the soil blending was successfully implemented, did this constitute a formal termination of the contamination concern and no further measures were warranted. Ms. Mitchell's May 22, 2018 response also stated:

“Blending of historically applied pesticide contaminated soil at former agricultural properties, as well as at former golf courses, has been and will continue to be an appropriate remedy as outlined in the Historically Applied Pesticide Site Technical Guidance document. More than 1,100 environmental samples were collected at the site in accordance with DEP guidance and, based on the results, the entire site response action outcome was issued on January 30, 2018. You are correct in your understanding that Mr. Paul's response action outcome is a formal termination of the contamination concern and that no further measures are warranted.”

The Borough has and will continue to coordinate with all appropriate agencies to insure the redevelopment of the former golf course is conducted in accordance with all applicable local, county and state approvals and regulatory requirements.

Please see attached emails from Borough Engineer, Kevin Boswell and Lynne Mitchell, Section Chief, Bureau of Field Operations, Site Remediation Program New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection