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City, state, federal agencies partner to provide testing results
Next steps and plan of action released

Franklin, IN- Mayor Steve Barnett along with representatives from the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and EnviroForensics came together today to provide results from the air, groundwater and soil testing that has been conducted in Franklin.

“State and federal agencies have been working diligently to ensure our city is safe and residents have the quality of life we all deserve,” said Mayor Barnett. “I called the groups together today so we could publicly explain findings and announce our action plan for the future.”

EnviroForensics, an Indianapolis-based engineering firm, spoke about their testing efforts focused on determining if past activities at the Amphenol site impacted the neighborhood near Glendale Drive and Ross Court. Mayor Barnett commissioned the testing in August. EnviroForensics collected groundwater and soil gas samples and concluded a majority of the neighborhood was not affected. Sampling did confirm contamination was present near the sanitary sewers running parallel to Hamilton Avenue and Forsythe Street.

“The results show indoor air sampling should be conducted in some homes near the Hamilton and Forsythe intersection,” said EnviroForensics CEO Steve Henshaw. “Further groundwater and soil gas sampling will help determine the extent to which contamination has migrated from the Amphenol site.”

Over the past several weeks, IDEM staff have been taking samples of the air, soil, surface and groundwater in several locations around Franklin. All samples have come in well below the levels of concern for PCE, TCE and other volatile organic compounds. No detections of PCE or TCE were found in any indoor residence, business or any of the 24 wells tested in the Paris Estates subdivision.

“These test results, along with other testing completed by Franklin College and the Franklin Community Schools, show there are no widespread environmental issues in the city of Franklin,” said IDEM Commissioner Bruno Pigott.

To ensure air quality in Franklin remains safe, IDEM will install a stationary air monitor in Payne Park. The air monitor will give IDEM the ability to understand and communicate with residents over the long term. Residents and stakeholders can find more information, sign up to receive updates and view an interactive map by visiting IDEM's [website](#).

EPA provided an update during the press conference on their vapor intrusion investigation at the Amphenol site, which includes indoor air sampling at homes. Results are confidential and can be shared only with the property owners. Based on indoor air, sewer gas and soil gas sampling results, EPA will determine if indoor air sampling and vapor mitigation is needed inside additional homes. A groundwater assessment in the study area is also underway. Updates will be available on EPA's [website](#).

"I am doing everything in my power to support the state and federal agencies as they work to ensure public safety," said Mayor Barnett. "Franklin has always been and will remain my top priority. I was born here and raised my family here. My dedication to this community reaches far beyond my duties as mayor and I am committed to seeing our action plan through to its completion."

The city will host a public meeting in the future to discuss further testing results. IDEM, EPA and EnviroForensics will attend the meeting to address questions from the community. Once scheduled, information about the public meeting will be available on Franklin's [website](#).

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