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- U.S. EPA's American Lead website at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/american-lead>
- Marion County Public Health Department at marionhealth.org/
- Indiana Department of Health's Lead & Healthy Homes Division at <https://www.in.gov/health/lead-and-healthy-homes-division/>
- Para obtener información en español, por favor llame a 317-233-0700

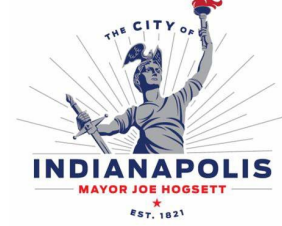
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American Lead Environmental Advisory Area

What you need to know



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Background

The former American Lead Facility (ALF) was located at 2102 Hillside Ave. in the historic Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood of Indianapolis. The ALF operated from 1946 to 1965, which resulted in surface soil lead contamination on some properties in the surrounding community. This area of contamination, also called the Environmental Advisory Area (**Area**), is roughly defined as 25th Street to the north, Ralston Avenue to the northeast, along the railroad to Interstate 70 with I-70 forming the southern border, and the Monon Trail to the west. You are receiving this notice because you live or own property in the Area.

Clean Up Activities

From 2005 to 2007, and again in 2016, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) sampled and/or removed lead-contaminated soil from hundreds of properties within the Area.

How the properties were cleaned up

Lead-contaminated soil was removed up to two feet in depth. Orange plastic fencing was placed at the bottom of excavations in many yards. Clean soil was then placed in the excavations.

There are properties in the Area where contaminated soil was not removed because:

1. The property owner at the time did not grant U.S. EPA or IDEM access; or
2. The property was sampled, and lead concentrations were below the cleanup level.

To find out if cleanup activities have been conducted on your property, contact IDEM at 800-451-6027 or americanlead@idem.IN.gov.

How to prevent lead exposure

If you are digging or landscaping on your property and find buried orange plastic fencing, the soil on top of the buried orange fencing should be kept **separate** from the soil **under** the orange plastic fence. **Please don't remove the orange fencing (It is a notification and safety measure)**. If you remove soil from under the orange plastic fence, it must be placed directly into a plastic bag or trashcan until it can be placed back into the excavation area or thrown out. To minimize your chance of exposure, careful handling is important.

Children under 6 and pregnant women are at high risk when exposed to lead. Normal healthy habits like hand washing will help minimize exposure.

Blood lead testing

Free blood lead testing is available through the Marion County Public Health Department every Thursday from noon to 5pm at 3901 Meadows Drive. No appointment needed. Call 317-221-2155 for more information.

Future Activities

At this time, there are no additional cleanup activities planned. However, IDEM does plan to acquire additional lead data from locations that are currently unknown. If you live within the defined Area, and you'd like to have your soil screened for lead, please contact IDEM at 317-234-8622.

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