



HOWELL OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

4567 ROUTE 9

HOWELL, NEW JERSEY 07731

(732) 938-4500

COMPOUNDERS, INC.

15 MARL ROAD

FARMINGDALE, NEW JERSEY

Resident and/or Business Owner:

You are receiving this letter because your property has been identified as one that is located within one (1) mile of 15 Marl Road, Block 49, Lot 41/ Farmingdale, NJ (AKA Compounders, Inc.). If you are not yet aware, on February 9, 2023, Howell Township Fire Departments were dispatched to the former Compounders Inc site, where they discovered materials burning inside an old metal structure on site. Firefighters found numerous drums and smelled a chemical odor. After extinguishing the fire, firefighters called the Howell Township Office of Emergency Management (HTOEM) who called in the Monmouth County Department of Health (MCDOH) to address potential hazardous materials. MCDOH discovered large quantities of 55-gallon drums, along with smaller quantities of other containers around the site. MCDOH and HTOEM also found spilled materials on the ground and open drums, as well as solid waste.

Since the initial fire and response, officials have found approximately 200-300 55-gallon drums and containers on the property, many of which are bulging, rusting, denting, or leaking. EPA has been working with the property owner to gain the appropriate legal permissions to begin work on cataloguing and eventually removing all drums and potentially hazardous materials on the property. Since the initial discovery, EPA has placed 24/7 security on the property and have also installed a perimeter fence to ensure there is no illegal trespassing on or around the site.

Over the next several weeks, EPA will be on site to begin investigating the contents of the drums and eventually remove the drums and contents from the property. In the meantime, with the addition of security on site and with oversight by EPA, **we estimate the risk of a release of any potential hazardous material to be very low.** After all drums are removed from the property, an investigation will be ongoing with the State NJDEP and EPA to determine what, if any, impacts have occurred to groundwater, soil or surface water.

Where to Find Information

15 Marl Road Website: www.twp.howell.nj.us/610/15-Marl-Road. All future alerts and communication will be made through this page

- Video of public outreach meeting held on March 21, 2023
- Evacuation route plan and radius map
- Emergency Alert sign-up



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For those residents without internet access and want Emergency Notifications on their cell phones please text the word **HOWELLALERTS** (One word), to **888777**. Your cell phone will automatically be added to the Mass Notification Group.

All available information will be shared immediately upon the Township receiving the information. Any future Community Outreach Meetings will be advertised and noticed via this webpage and other Township systems. If you have any questions regarding site activities, EPA's contacts are provided below.

EPA Contacts:

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Community Involvement Coordinator

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Important Links:

- <https://response.epa.gov/CompoundersInc>
- <https://njems.nj.gov/DataMiner>
 - NJEMS Site ID# 4679
 - PI# 20120
 - NJEMS Preferred ID (Site Remediation): G000028569
 - PI Name: COMPOUNDERS INCORPORATED
 - Hazardous Waste PI ID: NJR000088385
 - Right to Know PI ID: 19325500000
 - Water Quality PI ID: 195333
 - Water Supply PI ID: 11268W
- <https://farmingdaleborough.org>
- <https://visitmonmouth.com>