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*MARL ROAD UPDATE*

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*“EPA is actively conducting a cleanup at the Compounders Inc site in Howell Township, New Jersey. **There is no immediate need for evacuations.**”*

*EPA continues to work closely with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Monmouth County Health Department, Howell Township, and other stakeholders to ensure a coordinated and effective response.*

*EPA was able to get the site fully fenced in March to control access. EPA began cleanup actions at the site on April 10 after obtaining access to the property from the owner. Since then, EPA has made significant progress in securing containers at the site and making the property safe to continue the assessment and removal activities.*

*EPA is working to secure smaller containers, called "lab pack" materials. Those smaller containers are now stored within the on-site warehouse and out of the elements. EPA oversees the sorting and identifying of these "lab pack" materials through a process called hazardous categorization, or "HazCat." We are also labeling and staging the drums of chemicals for testing and disposal. If a drum or container does not meet EPA's standards to allow for shipping off-site, we will move its contents to a new, suitable container. This work is performed in a plastic-lined containment area to prevent spills or leaks.*

*This categorizing and the submission of samples to an accredited laboratory for disposal analysis will continue until EPA has characterized all on-site materials and a disposal strategy can be developed.*

*As more information develops, it will be shared publicly through Community Updates.*

*You can find further information on [the site response page](#) and in the [April 2023 Community Update](#).”*