

MESSAGE REGARDING LISTING OF INITIAL TOWN SITES TO BE TESTED FOR CONTAMINATION

The Fairfield Department of Health – working in conjunction with the Licensed Environmental Professional firm [Tighe & Bond](#) – is assessing a number of public properties in Fairfield where we know that material from the aggregate fill pile managed by Julian Development was used in various improvement projects from 2013 to 2016. The Health Department is investigating whether any contaminated material from the fill pile was used in any of those projects.

In the course of this process, together with Tighe & Bond, we have consulted with the CT Department of Health (CTDPH) and the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP), and they did not recommend any restrictions on access to these sites, pending the outcome of additional environmental testing.

During the week of August 19-23, Tighe & Bond will be conducting soil sampling at a total of 20 sites, which are listed here. There will be additional sites added to this list as we continue our review of DPW records from this period. Every site we identify will be tested. These initial 20 sites were identified as priorities because they are either located on school properties or other public parks.

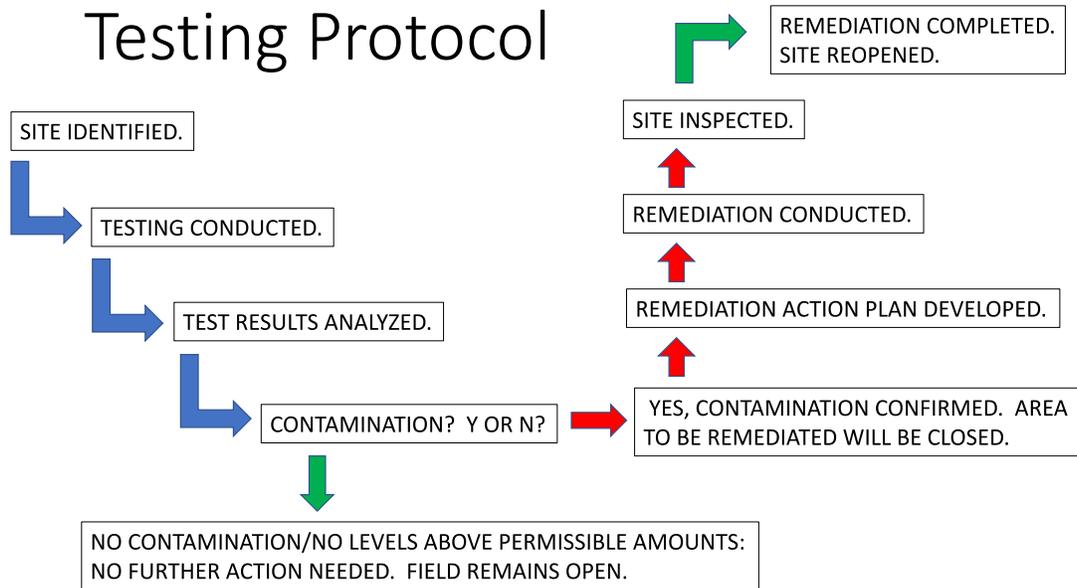
The test results from each of these sites will be posted on this webpage once they have been completed, reviewed by the town and when a decision is made if remediation is needed. Listed below are answers to questions you may have. Should you have any additional questions specific to this site testing, please contact the Fairfield Health Department at our special email address: fillusequestions@fairfieldct.org. We will respond within 24 hours or sooner, or on the first business day following a weekend or holiday should you email us during that period.

How We Will Test the Sites

Tighe & Bond will supervise the soil testing at each site. While the testing is in progress, those areas of the site that are to be tested will be cordoned off. For any given site, testing should not take more than a day, and usually only several hours.

The samples taken will be tested by an independent laboratory. Lab results will come back to Tighe & Bond, which will then analyze them and present the Fairfield Department of Health with its findings along with any recommendations on whether remediation is required. If a remediation plan is warranted for any given site, the area in question will be cordoned off until the remediation is completed.

Testing Protocol



Answers to questions you may have

1. How did you select and prioritize the sites to be tested?

The first criteria for determining sites to inspect was to find out which sites received any fill from the aggregate pile during the period when Julian Development was managing the pile (May 2013-December 2016). We then prioritized the list in the following order:

- a) Any Schools with soccer fields that potentially received fill or topsoil from the fill pile through the typical maintenance of the field and any school construction project where fill or topsoil from the fill pile was potentially used.
- b) Any other sport field where fill or topsoil from the fill pile was used.
- c) Any other Town recreation areas where fill or topsoil from the fill pile was used.
- d) Any other sites in Town where fill or topsoil from the fill pile was used by volume of fill used.

While we are still reviewing records to identify other sites, we do know there are no other school or sports fields that received fill from the pile managed by Julian Development during the 2013-2016 period

2. How did you rule out testing at other sites?

We looked at the following questions to determine whether to rule out any sites:

- a) Whether the work done was outside of the time Julian Development was managing the aggregate pile (May 2013-December 2016).
- b) The work was done by a private contractor and the contractor confirmed it did not purchase materials from the aggregate pile.

- c) The specific material purchased from Julian Development was a type of material that was kept separate from the aggregate pile and was not intermingled with fill from the pile.

3. In what order will they be tested?

All of these priority sites will be tested during the week of August 19-23, weather permitting.

4. Do you know precisely how many other sites need to be tested?

We are reviewing three years of records of hundreds of projects from the Department of Public Works to determine which of those projects received fill from the pile managed by Julian Development, or from other sources. But there are no other sports fields or school grounds that require testing beyond what is on this initial list.

5. When will ALL the site testing be completed?

For any given site, we expect to have results back within 48 hours. Once we complete our inventory of all sites to be tested, we expect that testing will be completed in less than a month.

6. Will you close the sites until all the testing is completed?

During the testing itself, the areas to be tested will be cordoned off. Once it is determined if remediation is needed, we will restrict access to any specific area requiring remediation until that work is completed. It is not necessary to close an entire park, for example, if only a small area requires remediation. For sports fields, however, we will restrict access until the work is completed.

7. What will you do if any contaminants or hazardous waste is found on a site?

Once we have the test results on any given site, and a decision is made to remediate, we will close access to the specific area to be remediated, develop a remediation action plan based on recommendations from Tighe & Bond, and then carry out the remediation. The area to be remediated will be restricted until the work is completed and the site inspected.

8. Is it safe for my children to use the school playgrounds and school fields once they return to school?

There are no school playgrounds on the list of sites to be inspected. (There is an area near the Sandcastle Playground by Jennings Beach where fill was used, so we will be testing at that area, but not the playground itself.)

Any school sports fields that are to be inspected will be restricted if tests determine remediation is required. Otherwise, the sports fields are safe to use. We will keep this webpage updated on the status of each of these sites. The Fairfield Health Department is coordinating with the public schools on this work, and parents may also check with their child's school principal with any questions on specific school grounds.

9. I see some schools on this list, but not all. Why is that?

Not all school properties received fill from the aggregate pile managed by Julian Development during 2013-2016.

10. How much will this work cost the town?

Public safety and the safety of our parks, ballfields, school grounds etc. is paramount. The town will not compromise on this. If the Town determines it needs to pursue additional damages against Julian Development, we will do so.

11. There are many walking paths in parks and open spaces throughout the town, covered with cinders. Should I avoid those paths?

If you do not see a specific site on this list, there are no restrictions to its use.

12. My son/daughter plays Fairfield Youth Football. Should we be concerned about practicing and playing on the Sullivan fields?

Children can continue to use these fields, pending the outcome of the testing. In the course of this process, together with Tighe & Bond, we have consulted with the CT Department of Health (CTDPH) and the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP), and they did not recommend any restrictions on access to these sites, pending the outcome of ~~the~~ additional environmental testing.

We have been in touch with Fairfield Youth Football and provided them with this guidance. During the period when the testing will occur, we will cordon off those areas to be tested and this may affect field use on that given day. Similarly, should we determine that some remediation is needed, we will restrict access to that particular field until the work is completed.

13. My son/daughter plays soccer for Fairfield United. Will this testing affect the FUSA tournament, practices and other matches?

Children can continue to use these fields pending the outcome of the testing. In the course of this process, together with Tighe & Bond, we have consulted with the CT Department of Health (CTDPH) and the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP), and they did not recommend any restrictions on access to these sites, pending the outcome of ~~the~~ additional environmental testing.

We have been in touch with FUSA and provided them with this guidance. During the period when the testing will occur, we will cordon off those areas to be tested and this may affect field use on

that given day. Similarly, should we determine that some remediation is needed, we will restrict access to that particular field until the work is completed.

We will do our best to work with FUSA to identify alternative fields to use if needed.

14. What about Recreation Department soccer? Are those fields safe?

We are coordinating with the Parks and Recreation Department so they are aware of whether any of the testing will necessitate the use of alternative fields on any given day. Should we determine that a field needs to be remediated, the Parks and Recreation Department will contact those teams and coaches if alternative arrangements need to be made.

15. My son/daughter will be Fall baseball. Are those fields safe?

Children can continue to use these fields without concern, pending the outcome of the testing. In the course of this process, together with Tighe & Bond, we have consulted with the CT Department of Health (CTDPH) and the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP), and they did not recommend any restrictions on access to these sites, pending the outcome of the additional environmental testing.

We have been in touch with both Fairfield American and Fairfield National and provided them with this guidance. During the period when the testing will occur, we will cordon off those areas to be tested and this may affect field use on that given day. Similarly, should we determine that some remediation is needed, we will restrict access to that particular field until the work is completed.

We will do our best to work with these organizations to identify alternative fields to use if needed.

16. Is it safe to play tennis at the tennis center on Old Dam Road?

Yes, pending the outcome of the testing. Specific areas to be tested will be cordoned off during the testing itself.

17. Are there any private properties in Fairfield where potentially contaminated material from the aggregate fill pile was used? What will happen with them?

The Town of Fairfield has no direct knowledge of whether any fill from the aggregate pile was used on private property. Private property owners would have to check with the contractor they used to determine the source of any fill they used.