## Conclusions and Recommendations

### Conclusions
- Can the exposure cause harm?
- To whom?

### Recommendations
- Should exposures be reduced?
- Do we need more information?
- Do we need to educate the community about what exposures (past or current) mean to them?
- Are other actions needed?
PHA makes recommendations to regulatory agencies but also to a wider audience that can include residents, community groups, local health departments, medical care providers, or agencies conducting basic research.
# Impacts

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<th>Support need for <em>cleanup</em> actions</th>
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<td><em>Engage</em> local and state health departments</td>
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ATSDR Resources: Where To Go For More Information

Regional Offices and State Coop Partners
http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/dro/

Toxicological profiles—Tox FAQs
http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxprofiles

Environmental Medicine
http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/csem
A Partner Perspective

Jack Kelly
On Scene Coordinator
EPA Region 3
EPA’s Superfund Removal Program
- Oversees emergency or shorter term federal actions at hazardous waste sites
- In many regions, works closely with ATSDR public health experts

EPA On Scene Coordinators request technical assistance from ATSDR
- Discuss sampling plans and approaches
- Review sampling data
- Make recommendations regarding next steps
- Talk to residents about their health risks

ATSDR 24-hour public health support during environmental emergencies can be particularly useful for EPA responders
Technical Assistance at Asbestos Sites

ATSDR’s evaluations at these Region 3 asbestos sites supported EPA actions to mitigate exposures at these locations.

Public Health Assessment
BORIT ASBESTOS NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST SITE
AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Letter Health Consultation
HUNTING POINT ON THE POTOMAC RESIDENTIAL ASBESTOS SITE
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Evaluations of sites with asbestos contamination can be complex!
EPA relies on ATSDR to work with state and local health partners to answer people’s health questions about hazardous chemical exposures.

- Go door-to-door in affected communities
- Participate in community involvement and outreach activities
- Answer health questions at public meetings
- Engage with health professionals in impacted communities

EPA On Scene Coordinators request health education and community involvement support from ATSDR.

SCHEDULE

Soil Testing for Lead, 9am - 3pm

11:00-12:45
 Raised Bed Gardening 101

11:00-1:00
 Kids Activity: Building Your Own Terrarium

1:00-2:00
 Supporting Healthy Food with the Kensington Food Cooperative

All Day:
 Compost for sale, Creative Mapping, and much more!
Questions?

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