

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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IN RE: HAZARDOUS SITES CLEANUP

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BEFORE: MEGHAN LEHMAN, Chair

CHERYL SINCLAIR, Member

HEARING: Thursday, April 9, 2026

2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Turbot Township Municipal Building

1190 Broadway Road

Milton, PA 17847

WITNESSES: None

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MS. LEHMAN: It is two o' clock, so we can get started if everybody's ready. Can everyone see me and Cheryl okay. Do we need to stand or are you okay with us speaking from a seated position?

Okay. All right. So good afternoon. My name is Megan Lehman. I am the Regional Communications Manager for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's North Central Regional Office in Williamsport. I will serve as Hearing Officer for this proceeding. Thank you all for coming this afternoon. And thank you to Turbot Township for their use of the building.

I'd like to introduce my DEP colleagues present today. First of all, Randy Farmerie, who's the Program Manager in the Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields Program. Also in that program we have Cheryl Sinclair. She's the Environmental Group Manager. Next we have Bryan Werner, Program Manager for the Bureau of Radiation. Lisa Meade, who's our Environmental - I'm sorry, External Affairs Manager. I had your old title on the form. Andy Thornton, environmental chemist in

1 the Environmental Cleanup Brownfields Program.
2 Jordi Comas, who's the Environmental Justice
3 Coordinator. And then finally, Krystal Hunt, who is
4 with the Office of Regional Counsel. And she is
5 brand new, so this is her opportunity to see what a
6 hearing is all about.

7 So our purpose today is to hold a
8 formal public hearing for DEP staff to hear
9 testimony from the public about the ongoing Mahoning
10 Street Milton site HSCA investigation located in
11 Turbot Township, HSCA is the Hazardous Sites Cleanup
12 Act. If you would like to speak and have not
13 already signed up, please go to the table and sign
14 up now.

15 In addition to the opportunity to
16 testify today, you may also submit written comments
17 via email or mail no later than Friday, June 12TH,
18 2026. If you would like to submit written
19 testimony, please pick up one of the handouts from
20 the sign-in table which contains more information.

21 DEP gives equal consideration to all
22 public comments, regardless of whether a comment is
23 received verbally or in writing prior to the
24 deadline. Those who speak today may also submit
25 written comments of any length that they choose.

1 Please note that our purpose at this hearing is to
2 listen to your comments and gather input on DEP's
3 proposed prompt interim response action. DEP staff
4 do not directly answer questions or respond to
5 individual comments during this formal proceeding.
6 All comments given verbally today or in writing by
7 the deadline will be addressed by DEP after the
8 close of the public comment period in what is called
9 a comment response document.

10 Before we begin the testimony, Cheryl
11 Sinclair is going to provide a brief presentation
12 about the investigation to date.

13 MS. SINCLAIR: Thanks, Megan. So
14 just have a few slides with some overview of how we
15 got involved in this investigation. We are located
16 in Turbot Township. The location in question is
17 1010 Mahoning Street. It is a single occupied
18 residence in a residential neighborhood. This home
19 came to our attention because last March through
20 April in 2025, the radiation detector was triggered
21 at the Lycoming County Landfill. The landfill staff
22 collected the items from that load that had readings
23 of radioactivity and put them in isolated storage.
24 They were able to find something identifying in the
25 load to bring us to 1010 Mahoning Street. DEP

1 records did document that a previous inspection of
2 the property had resulted in removal of some
3 radioactive material back in 2006. But in May of
4 2025, our emergency response team and our Bureau of
5 Radiation Protection went to the home to conduct an
6 inspection. That inspection resulted in items that
7 were identified using a handheld meter. They
8 collected into buckets and removed them from the
9 home, took them to the landfill, where they were
10 placed in that same isolated storage area. When
11 they returned to the home to take readings to see if
12 they had removed everything, there were still
13 readings on some materials and some items in the
14 home. So our Bureau of Radiation Protection
15 conducted more of a survey of the home and
16 determined that there may be contamination in some
17 of the structure of the home as well as like
18 individual objects.

19 Because we have funding from the
20 Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund, we are able to help
21 with situations like this where further
22 investigation is needed, possibly remediation and
23 there's no other way to really fund that.

24 For some background, the things that
25 were found in the home are pretty common. They were

1 used historically in things like smoke detectors,
2 exit signs, luminous clock dials, instruments to
3 detect radiation. They're still used in some
4 medical treatments and some scientific research
5 applications. But this was pretty common stuff that
6 was found in the home.

7 Using HSCA, we were able to hire a
8 contractor. Last summer, July and August, a series
9 of meetings and inspections at the home were done so
10 that a work plan could be developed. That work plan
11 was approved in September of 2025. Our contractor
12 brought on a subcontractor who --- whose expertise
13 is radiation response. And they actually entered
14 the home in January to do a detailed survey and
15 inventory of the content.

16 So in February, they got us a
17 detailed inventory of the items in the home. Most
18 of the items are things like furniture, electronics,
19 items that can easily be removed. There was some
20 flooring material and a countertop that actually had
21 radioactive readings. There's a small volume of
22 waste identified as potentially chemically
23 hazardous. Things like acid, hydrochloric acid was
24 found, some cleaning materials. And so, as a result
25 of this, even --- not even though, but there's not

1 a, pardon me, a risk to the public at large, and the
2 individual living in the home is not at risk, but we
3 do want to do something about it. So the plan is to
4 remove the contaminated materials from the home,
5 whether those be those pieces of furniture,
6 electronics, that kind of thing, get the levels down
7 to where someone can occupy the home safely.

8 They're going to collect, package, and ship that
9 waste. It actually goes by rail out to Utah to a
10 disposal facility licensed for radioactive material.

11 Just to give you an idea of when we say
12 some flooring material was impacted. On the left,
13 there's flooring that has pieces of duct tape. It's
14 kind of hard to see on the slide, but I can show you
15 afterward. Those areas using the handheld detector
16 on the right had radioactive readings, but when they
17 lifted the tiles on top, in most cases, the flooring
18 beneath was okay. So it's --- it seems like that
19 superficial layer of flooring can be removed and
20 what's underneath will be okay.

21 There is one area, I think, above the
22 basement, like a floor joist, that appears to be
23 actually contaminated in the wood and some areas of
24 the basement that need further investigation. It
25 can get complicated sometimes if there's radon in

1 the building, so they have to do some more readings
2 in the basement.

3 And finally, there's some examples of
4 the kinds of things that were found in the home. On
5 the left is some of the items that - one bottle is
6 labeled as hydrochloric acid. There's some syringes
7 and jars and other containers. And on the right is
8 where our - our staff and the subcontractor, excuse
9 me, bagged up a lot of the items and they're
10 currently stored, like, outside of the living area
11 or were they taken to the landfill? I'm sorry.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Some are in the
13 landfill and some are in the one bedroom.

14 MS. SINCLAIR: They are -.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: They aren't
16 impacted, just so that they're isolated.

17 MS. SINCLAIR: Right. Right. But
18 they're - they're outside of the common area where
19 the occupant stays.

20 This is contact information for
21 Bureau of - pardon me, Bureau of Radiation
22 Protection. Bryan's here tonight - today. And Andy
23 Thornton, who is the project officer from the
24 Hazardous Sites Cleanup - I'll leave this slide up
25 so if you want to write down any of this

1 information. And that's really all we have for you
2 tonight. Thank you.

3 MS. LEHMAN: All right.

4 Thank you, Cheryl. So we will now
5 begin the formal public hearing on the Mahoning
6 Street, Milton Site HSCA investigation. I have some
7 ground rules to read, but they are really not
8 relevant if we are not having anyone. So I will
9 just ask one more time, is there anyone who would
10 like to speak? Okay. Seeing none, I'm going to
11 skip over the ground rules. And that actually
12 concludes our public hearing.

13 As a reminder, written comments will
14 be accepted through June 12th. If you wish to
15 submit written comments or questions, please take a
16 handout from the table with the details. Thank you
17 and have a good evening.

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19 HEARING CONCLUDED AT 2:11 P.M.

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1 CERTIFICATE

2 I hereby certify that the foregoing
3 proceedings, a hearing held before Chair Lehman, was
4 reported by me on April 9, 2026 and that I, Dominick
5 Bartholomew, read this transcript and that I attest
6 that this transcript is a true and accurate record of
7 the proceeding.

8 Dated the 24 day of April, 2026.

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10 Dominick Bartholomew

11 Dominick Bartholomew,

12 Court Reporter
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