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## Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would like to provide you with an update regarding the Bishop Tube HSCA Site (the Site), located in East Whiteland Township, Chester County.

- On July 15, 2026, DEP accepted the [Data Gap Pre-Design Investigation Report Volume 1: Soil](#), prepared by DEP's contractor, Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc (GES). The purpose of the data gap pre-design investigation was to conduct additional Site soils investigation and analysis, including an evaluation of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), fluoride, and completion of a limited background soil investigation for select inorganics, including total metals, fluoride, and PFAS.

GES completed the soil investigation activities between December 2025 and March 2026. In total, 201 soil samples were collected from 90 soil boring locations. The results of the analyses of those soil samples revealed:

- Fluoride was not detected in those samples at concentrations above the applicable PA Act 2 Residential standard.
- PFAS compounds were not detected in those samples at concentrations above the current or proposed PA Act 2 Residential Standard.
- Arsenic, cobalt, and manganese in some of those samples exceeded PA Act 2 Residential standard in one location in the limited background soil investigation area; however, all other metals were detected in those samples were at concentrations below the PA Act 2 Residential standards.

The Volume 1 report makes several recommendations, based on GES's conclusions, which DEP will adopt during response action implementation.

- Volume 2: Groundwater of the Pre-Design Investigation Report, which will include the results of all data gap pre-design investigation monitoring well and surface water sampling, is pending and is expected to be completed by September 2026.

- On March 14, 2026, DEP published notice of the proposed Consent Decree and the proposed Qualified Settlement Fund Agreement in the *PA Bulletin* and the *Daily Local News*. DEP accepted public comments through May 14, 2026. DEP is in the process of compiling all comments received and plans to publish a Response to Comments document in September. Thank you to everyone who submitted comments.

Thank you for your continued interest in DEP's work at the [Bishop Tube HSCA Site](#). DEP will continue to send "Community Updates" via email when new information on the Site becomes available.

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